



**ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL**

**AGENDA
OPEN MEETING**

20 October 2025

15 October 2025

Notice of Meeting – Ordinary Meeting of Council

In accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* NOTICE is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Waratah-Wynyard Council will be held at the Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard on Monday 20 October 2025 with the Business of the meeting to be in accordance with the following agenda paper.

Chief Executive Officer's Certification

“Legislative terminology – Chief Executive Officer/General Manager: At the Waratah-Wynyard Council, the title Chief Executive Officer is a term of reference for the General Manager as appointed by Council pursuant to section 61 of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and carries the same meaning for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1993* and all other legislation administered by or concerning the Council.”

PURSUANT to Section 65 of the *Local Government Act 1993* I hereby certify, with respect to the advice, information and/or recommendation provided for the guidance of Council in this Agenda, that:

1. Such advice, information and/or recommendation has been given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice; and
2. Where any advice is given by a person who does not have the required qualifications or experience, that person has obtained and taken into account the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.



Vanessa Adams
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15 October 2025

Mrs Vanessa Adams
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Dear Vanessa,

COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with regulation 5 (2) of the *Local Government (Meeting Regulations) 2025* which states:

4. *Convening meetings of council*
 - (1) *The mayor of a council may convene council meetings.*

I request that you make the necessary arrangements for the next ordinary meeting of Council to be convened on Monday 20 October 2025 commencing at 6pm at the Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard.

Yours sincerely



Cr Mary Duniam
MAYOR

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THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT IT IS COUNCIL POLICY TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS OF COUNCIL ON DIGITAL MEDIA TO ASSIST IN THE PREPARATION OF MINUTES AND TO ENSURE THAT A TRUE AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF DEBATE AND DISCUSSION OF MEETINGS IS AVAILABLE. THIS AUDIO RECORDING IS AUTHORISED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MEETING PROCEDURES) REGULATIONS 2025

AGENDA OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE WARATAH-WYNYARD COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 21 SAUNDERS STREET, WYNYARD ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2025, COMMENCING AT

	From	To	Time Occupied
Open Council			
Planning Authority			
Open Council			
Closed Council			
Open Council			
TOTAL TIME OCCUPIED			

DIGITAL RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

The Chairman is to declare the meeting open (time), welcome those present in attendance and advise that the meeting will be digitally recorded, in accordance with the Council Policy **GOV.017 – Digital Recording of Council Meetings** to “record meetings of Council to assist in the preparation of minutes and to allow live streaming of Council Meetings.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Tommeginne people, and to pay our respect to those that have passed before us, their history and their culture.

1.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

1.1 ATTENDANCE

1.2 APOLOGIES

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Nil received.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Waratah-Wynyard Council held at Council Chambers, 21 Saunders Street, Wynyard on Monday 15 September 2025, a copy of which having previously been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, be confirmed as a true record.

Any corrections to the Minutes are to be identified and agreed at this point prior to taking a vote to adopt the minutes.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor and Agenda Item Number

Staff and Agenda Item Number

4.0 COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT

4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR

Nil received.

4.2 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Mayor's Communications:

MAYOR DR MARY DUNIAM	
11/9/25	Tas Library Board Meeting
11/9/25	ALGWA Meeting
12/9/25	Briefing: Local Government Allowances and Numbers Reform
15/9/25	Council Meeting
16/9/25	LGAT GMC Meeting
17/9/25	Mayors Meeting
22/9/25	Councillor Workshop
23/9/25	Interview SeaFM
24/9/25	Discussion on Early Childhood Education and Care services with the Hon Jess Walsh, Minister for Early Childhood Education & Minister for Youth
24/9/25	CCA Meeting
25/9/25	SeaFM Interview
25/9/25	Photo – Staff 40 year Service Award
26/9/25	Media – Wynyard Sensory Garden
29/9/25	CCA Board Review
29/9/25	Councillor Workshop
1/10/25	Photo – Accessibility Working Group
3/10/25	Tas Art Exhibition Opening
5/10/25	WOW Exhibition Opening - Margaret Brown Studio Painters Boat Harbour
6/10/25	Meeting with new CCA CEO Phillip Reid
6/10/25	Councillor Workshop
7/10/25	CoastFM monthly radio interview
9/10/25	CCA Board Interviews
9/10/25	ALGWA Forum
10/10/25	RSL - Opening of Point and Shoot - Aus. Veteran Photography Exhibition Hosted by Mark Direen Aus Special Forces Veteran
11/10/25	Tulip Festival

4.3 REPORTS BY DELEGATES

Nil received.

4.4 NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the following Workshops:

22/9/25	TasWater Presentation Social and Community Panel Discussion Discussion Paper Councillor Numbers and Allowances
29/9/25	Councillor Professional Development Workshop
6/10/25	Outline Development Plan Feedback Review Cradle Coast Authority Presentation CCA Governance and Letter of Expectation Councillor Statements at Council Meetings

Councillor attendance – 1/7/25 – 6/10/25

	Ordinary Meetings 2025/26 (3)	Special Meetings / AGM 2025/26 (0)	Workshops 2025/26 (10)	Community Conversations 2025/26 (0)	Weeks Leave Approved
Mayor Mary Duniam	2	0	10	0	2
Deputy Mayor Celisa Edwards	3	0	8	0	2
Cr Gary Bramich	2	0	9	0	0
Cr Andrea Courtney	3	0	7	0	0
Cr Kevin Hyland	2	0	9	0	1
Cr Michael Johnstone	3	0	10	0	0
Cr Leanne Raw	2	0	10	0	0
Cr Dillon Roberts	3	0	5	0	1

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**5.1 RESPONSE(S) TO PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil received.

5.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING**5.2.1 I BULCHER WYNYARD LAND CARE - OLDINA****QUESTION**

The road verges of Oldina Rd north of Nursery Rd are well maintained with vegetation kept low no overhanging branches from adjacent plantation or forestry trees plus excellent sight lines on all corners. The consistently low verge vegetation increases the distance that motorists can see grazing wild life and the clear sight lines enable appropriate action to be taken with oncoming traffic.

The situation for approximately 6km to the south of Nursery Rd is substantially different with the verges variably and totally vegetated in places to the point that black wattles are encroaching onto the asphalt in multiple locations and other vegetation is high enough to obscure the presence of grazing wildlife.

The worst example of this substandard verge maintenance is on the approach to the hillcrest approximately 2.6km to the south of the Nursery Rd intersection where verge-side vegetation intrudes over the asphalt on the western side and the sight lines on the adjacent lefthand bend at the top of the hill are completely obscured.

These safety issues are further compounded by low hanging branches from plantation and forestry trees which extend over the asphalt in a number of areas further to the south at a height that is low enough for double deck cattle trucks (in particular) to hit them.

As you will appreciate it is only a matter of time before substantial damage is caused to one or more vehicles or a collision between vehicles occurs due to drivers being distracted by an avoidable and easily remedied hazard.

The question we would like asked is in two parts:

1. When is verge maintenance on Oldina Rd going to be performed to a consistent standard along its whole length; and
2. What steps are Council taking to engage with plantation and forestry owners to reach an appropriate maintenance standard that removes low hanging branches over the road

OFFICERS RESPONSE

Council's standards of service for its 543km road network are applied consistently according to the road service levels and the Tree and Vegetation Management Policy, found on its website: -

<https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/download/634/service-levels-asset-management/7277/transport-infrastructure-service-level-document-2024.pdf>

<https://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/download/38/parks-and-reserves-policies/15371/tree-and-vegetation-management-policy-and-guidelines-2025.pdf>

The area of Oldina Road, generally north of Nursery Road is fronted by many rural residential properties who have historically maintained (mowed) road frontages to a standard above and beyond that provided by Council's Annual roadside slashing program, hence the observed difference.

Council has a broad power to require landowners to remove or reduce vegetation growing on private property, that is abutting a road under its control, where it is of the opinion that it is necessary to remove or reduce danger to a person using the local highway.

This legal power is given to Council under section 39 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*. A practical difficulty in applying this legislative power is understanding exactly where property boundaries exist in a rural setting (as opposed to urban areas where residential fences and the like exist generally along boundary lines).

A person who is aggrieved by Council enacting a requirement under this power (a landowner required to undertake vegetation removal or reduction) can appeal a requirement to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) for review of the requirement. It is a reasonable expectation at a TASCAT review that Council has established that vegetation exists within private property when enacting a requirement under section 39 of the *Local Government (Highways) Act 1982*.

5.3 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

A summary of questions without notice and response(s) and the name of the person asking the question will be recorded in the minutes.

5.4 PUBLIC STATEMENTS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

5.5 PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITHOUT NOTICE

6.0 PLANNING AUTHORITY ITEMS






6.1 PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE – RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS

Nil received.

6.2 PUBLIC STATEMENTS - RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS

Nil received.

6.3 VISITOR ACCOMMODATION EXPANSION AND ASSOCIATED PARKING AND WORKS LOCATED AT 280A PAGES ROAD, CALDER - DA 99/2025

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Town Planner
Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date: 12 September 2025
File Reference: 3524790
Supporting Documents: 1. Consolidated advertised documents 
2. Signed Extension of time 
3. Representation A 
4. Representation B 
5. Representation C 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with Section 51 and Section 57 of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Waratah-Wynyard* grants approval for Visitor Accommodation expansion and associated parking and works at 280A Pages Road, Calder subject to the following conditions:

CONDITIONS:

- (1) The development is to be generally in accordance with the updated application as submitted and endorsed documents as listed:
 - a. Planning submission as prepared by J Ayers of JDA Planning Pty Ltd and dated July 2025.
- (2) The proposal is to be in accordance with the submitted Flood Hazard Management Report with Revision Number 01 as prepared by T Risley and R Webster of Pitt & Sherry and dated 30 January 2025.
- (3) Approval is for an additional eight (8) self-contained vehicles and self-contained caravans only. The total number on the site is not to exceed twenty-eight (28).
- (4) Camping in tents, tent/trailers and/or vehicles/caravans which are not self-contained is prohibited.
- (5) The existing entrance gate is to be relocated a minimum 10m east from its current location and the locking mechanism is to be updated to the satisfaction of the Director of Infrastructure and Development Services prior to use commencing.
- (6) The shipping container in camp area 3 is to be removed within 60 days of this permit being issued.
- (7) Stormwater from the development is to be fully contained within the boundaries of the property.
- (8) All costs associated with the proposed development including those related to infrastructure extensions or upgrades to Council assets are to be met by the Developer.
- (9) In the course of undertaking the development/use there is to be no damage caused to any Council owned infrastructure or property.
- (10) Loading and un-loading of vehicles is to be confined to within the boundaries of the property.

Notes: -

The following is provided for information only and does not constitute condition(s) of permit.

- An “Activity in Road Reservation” permit must be obtained from Council for all activity within the Road Reservation
- This project must be substantially commenced within two years of the issue of this permit.
- The applicant is advised to consult with a building surveyor to ensure the development is constructed in accordance with *Building Act 2016*.
- Should water be provided for campers/guests from a private water supply (eg. rain water, bore etc), registration as a private water supplier may be required.
- This permit is based on information and particulars set out in Development Application DA 99/2025. Any variation requires an application for further planning approval of Council.
- This development/use is not to result in the generation of environmental harm or nuisance as defined in the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.
- Attention is drawn to existing or proposed electricity infrastructure, please be sure to contact TasNetworks on 1300 137 008 to ensure these works do not impede on existing electricity easements and are at a safe distance from powerlines. Failure to do so could result in the relocation of electricity assets at your cost.
- Under Section 61 (4) of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993, the applicant has the right to lodge an appeal against Council’s decision. Notice of appeal should be lodged on the prescribed form together with the required fee within fourteen days after the date on which notice of the decision was served on that person, to the Tasmanian Civil & Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT), G.P.O. Box 2036, Hobart, 7001 (mailto:resourceplanning@tascat.tas.gov.au). Updated Notices of Appeal are available on the Tribunal’s website at <https://www.tascat.tas.gov.au/>.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the merits of the application DA 99/2025 against the requirements of the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard*.

BACKGROUND

The subject site has an area of 6.171ha and is located within the Rural zone. Currently the site operates as Inglis River Caravan and Camping Retreat and with approval for a maximum of 20 self-contained vehicles at one time. A two bedroom, prefabricated cabin on piers was approved in August 2025 and is in the process of obtaining relevant plumbing/building approvals.

The site is bordered by the Inglis River to north-west, north-east and south-east. It has no direct road frontage and is accessed via a right of way from Toomey Road over the adjoining property to the west, 280A Pages Road, which contains a dwelling, outbuildings and land primarily used for grazing. The adjoining lot to the south, 234 Pages Road, also contains a dwelling, outbuildings, and a mix of native vegetation and land used for grazing. A locality plan identifying the subject site is provided in Figure 1 below.

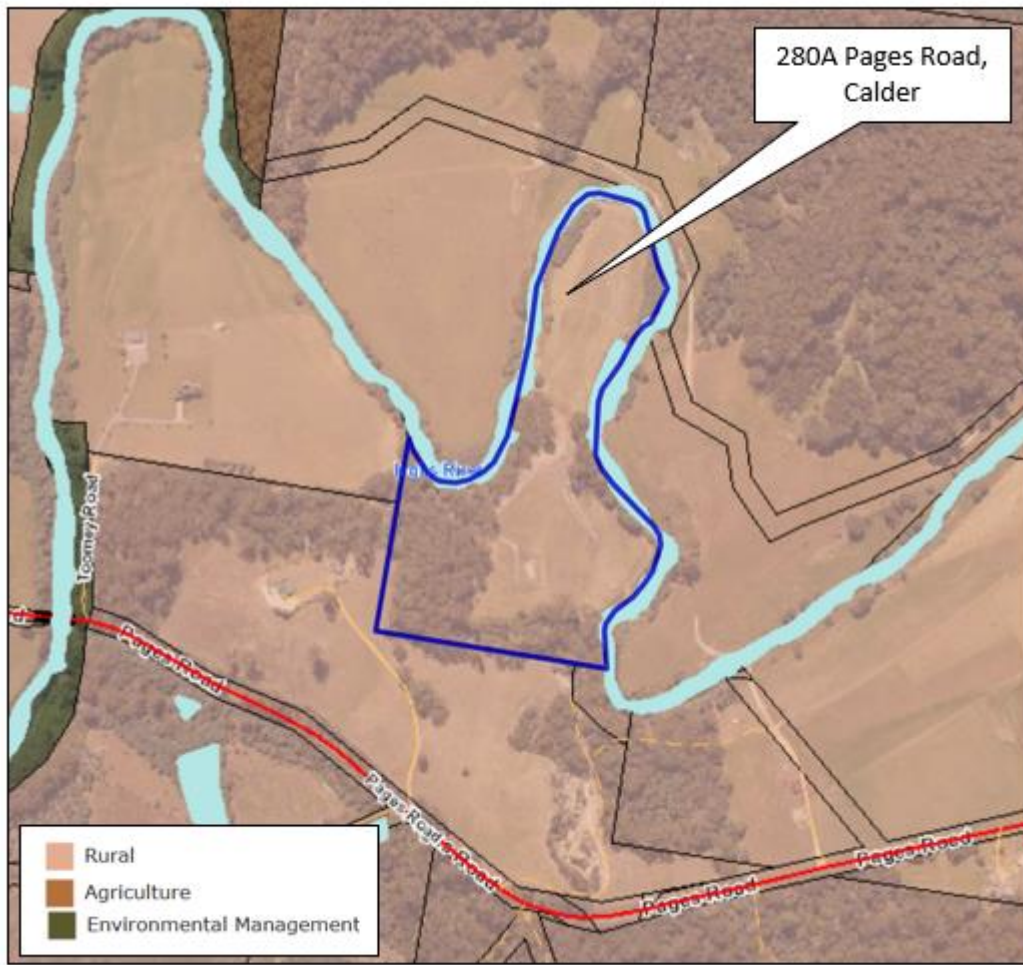


Figure 1: Subject site with zoning

DETAILS

The applicant is seeking approval for an additional 8 self-contained vehicle/self-contained caravan site and to expand the permitted camping area to enable riverside camping on the northern and western portions of the lot, where it borders the Inglis River.

The proposal also includes approval of an existing bike track and a small playground as part of recreation use integral and subservient to the camping area. No clearance of native vegetation is required for expanded use of the site beyond general tidying up of understorey and removal of dead vegetation and leaf litter.

This report assesses the proposal against the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard* (the Planning Scheme) and takes into account any representations received during the public exhibition period.

The subject site is zoned Rural under the Planning Scheme. The proposal is a Visitor Accommodation use, which is permitted with qualifications in this zone provided the application meets all the relevant acceptable solutions.

The proposal does not meet the necessary qualifications or all relevant acceptable solutions for development standards. The applicant is applying for discretion under the following Clauses of the Planning Scheme:

- 20.3.1 Discretionary use (P1, P2, P3 & P4);
- C2.6.1 Construction of parking areas (P1);

- C2.6.2 Design and layout of parking areas (P1);
- C3.5.1 Traffic generation at a vehicle crossing, level crossing or new junction (P1); and
- C12.5.2 Critical use, hazardous use or vulnerable use (P1 & P4)

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation process was the public exhibition period set out in the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (LUPAA) and involved notification of adjoining landowners, public notices on-site and advertising in a daily newspaper. The application was placed on public exhibition for a period of 14 days as required under LUPAA.

The following documentation was advertised:

- Development application form x 3 Pages;
- Landowner notification x 1 Page;
- Response to additional information x 4 Pages;
- Planning submission x 16 Pages;
- Title documents x 7 Pages;
- Flood hazard assessment x 20 Pages;
- On-site wastewater disposal assessment and design x 33 Pages; and
- Bushfire Emergency Plan x 10 Pages.

The period for representations closed on 3 September 2025. Three (3) were received during this period:

Representation A – M Basset

Representation B – V Basset

Representation C – A & M Catlin

A summary of the issues raised by the representations and planning responses to these issues is provided below. While every effort has been made to include all issues raised, this summary should be read in conjunction with the complete representations, which are included as enclosures to this report. This includes the full scope of Representation C, which covers 67 pages and includes a number of photographs.

Issues Raised:	Response:
<p>Traffic and Road safety (Representors A, B):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caravans turning in and out of Toomey Rd at all times of the night and day is extremely dangerous. I have had multiple near accidents at that location [travelling to Lapoinya from Wynyard] due to caravans. • Between the application made last year, to which we also objected, nothing has changed. If anything, the situation has 	<p>Pages Road is the primary route of travel between Wynyard and Lapoinya. Council’s Engineering Department have undertaken an assessment of the proposed increase in traffic, including a review of the width of the road and junction of Toomey Road with Pages Road.</p> <p>No safety or deficiency concerns have been identified, or with the roads ability to cater for</p>

Issues Raised:	Response:
<p>worsened, with more and more traffic coming and going — and that is without any proposed upgrades.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic safety and road capacity remain critical concerns. Rural roads in the area are not designed to cope with a large volume of vehicles, particularly caravans, campervans, and larger vehicles towing equipment. Increases in traffic have already been observed since the last submission, causing safety risks for residents, visitors, and wildlife. • Approving this proposal would exacerbate congestion, accelerate wear and tear on local infrastructure, and elevate the risk of accidents. 	<p>the volume or size of vehicles proposed as part of this permit application.</p> <p>No upgrades to Toomey Road are required as a result of the proposal and it will not result in Council needing to increase its service requirements. To ensure safety of other road users, the Engineering Department requires the existing entrance gate be relocated a minimum 10m further east into the right of way to allow space for vehicles to queue.</p> <p>The upkeep and maintenance of a Council Road is a matter for Council acting as the Road Authority.</p>
<p>Impact on rural amenity (Representors A, B, C):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the original application was withdrawn following strong community objections, the situation has worsened. The site has continued to attract more people, resulting in greater disturbance to the peaceful rural lifestyle of residents. The additional transient population has already begun to erode the amenity and character of our community, and approving a larger scale development would only magnify these problems. This type of development is entirely inconsistent with the rural setting and would set an undesirable precedent for further commercialisation of the area. • The current plans will have just as negative an impact as those proposed last year and should not be allowed to proceed. 	<p>Accommodation use is permissible in the Rural zone provided the relevant performance criteria under Clause 20.3.1 can be satisfied.</p> <p>The appropriateness of the proposal for a rural area and consideration of impact on adjoining properties are outlined under P4 and P2 for Clause 20.3.1 respectively.</p> <p>The criteria identified under P2(a)-(e) do not require that any consideration be given to impact on residential amenity specifically, focusing instead on the likelihood and nature of adverse impacts. Where the potential for interference does exist, it must rise to the level of confining or restraining existing use. The existence of any perceived annoyance is not sufficient to warrant refusal.</p> <p>The subject site is advertised as a ‘rustic river retreat’ for self-contained camping, providing an off-grid experience. Access to a natural setting is a key feature of this type of camping, which is incongruous with an urban environment. Activities undertaken by visitors to the site are largely centred around proximity to the Inglis River such as swimming, kayaking and fishing. There is no other zone in the municipality in which the type of visitor accommodation proposed could more reasonably be located.</p>
<p>Threatened species (Representors A, B, C):</p>	<p>Per Clause 6.10.1(b) of the Planning Scheme, when determining whether to approve or</p>

Issues Raised:	Response:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a noticeable increase of dead animals and birds on this section of road due to the increased traffic. There is a known Wedge Tail Eagle nest within 500m of this Junction and the increase of road kill due to an increase in traffic also increases the risk to this critically endangered bird. • This is also a Giant Freshwater Crayfish rehabilitation zone; our government has funded many of the local farms to make improvements to their farms in order help the rehabilitation. This project will go in direct opposition to this rehabilitation. • The proposed development site is home to a variety of vulnerable and iconic native species, including the Giant Freshwater Crayfish, the Tasmanian Devil, the Spotted Quoll, and the Wedge tailed Eagle. Increased human activity, noise, and light pollution, combined with potential clearing of vegetation, pose serious threats to these species' habitats and the overall biodiversity of the region. There is also heightened risk of litter, water pollution, and degradation of the natural environment. • Photographs uploaded by host confirm the presence of the Tasmanian Giant Freshwater Crayfish (<i>Astacopsis gouldi</i>) in the Inglis River adjacent to the subject site. This species is listed as Vulnerable under both the <i>EPBC Act 1999</i> and the <i>Tasmanian Threatened Species Protection Act 1995</i>. • The presence of <i>Astacopsis gouldi</i> triggers obligations under state and Commonwealth threatened species legislation. • Guest activities encouraged by the applicant (including installation of pontoons, rope swings, and other river structures) directly increase the risk of 	<p>refuse an application Council as a planning authority must give regard to the content of any representations received, but only insofar as it relates to the discretions being exercised.</p> <p>Increase in roadkill or potential impact on Giant Freshwater Crayfish rehabilitation efforts are not relevant considerations for Council when assessing this application. There is no biodiversity code under the TPS and the proposal does trigger assessment against the Natural Assets code. No referrals to government agencies for environmental assessments were required.</p> <p>Any responsibility the applicant may have under specific threatened species or conversation legislation are not matters for consideration by Council as a planning authority.</p>

Issues Raised:	Response:
<p>disturbance to riparian habitat relied upon by threatened species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of visitor numbers will amplify recreational pressure on the Inglis River, exacerbating risks to threatened species and riparian ecosystems. Council must therefore give weight to this evidence in considering whether DA99/2025 is consistent with the Biodiversity Code and relevant threatened species provisions of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. 	
<p>Non-compliance with permit conditions (Representors C):</p> <p><i>A timeline of the representors contact with Council regarding non-compliance with permit conditions for DA 308/2023 was submitted as part of one of the representations. Evidence of a history of non-compliance, primarily camping outside of approved areas, was also provided.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not reasonable for Council to consider an expansion to 28 sites when compliance with the existing 20-site approval has not been achieved. The documented breaches establish a need for enforcement action. Screenshots and photographs taken from the Hipcamp listing and promotional materials show the presence of a constructed mountain bike track on the property. This facility has not been included in DA308/2023 and has not received planning approval. The existence and operation of this track represents unauthorised development outside the scope of DA308/2023. It further demonstrates a pattern of systematic non-compliance and further supports refusal of DA99/2025, demonstrating that enforcement action is required before any expansion can be considered. This evidence demonstrates that unauthorised operations were occurring 	<p>It is acknowledged that there has been camping outside of the designated areas approved under DA 308/2023, which limited camping to a central area on the site outside of the mapped flood hazard prone areas. The application before Council seeks to legitimise camping in these areas and to increase capacity by an additional 8 self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>The bike track is considered integral and subservient to the visitor accommodation use as it is only used by visitors to the site and is not open to the general public.</p> <p>When considering whether to approve or refuse an application for a permit in its function as a planning authority, Council is confined to the matters outlined under Clause 6.10 of the TPS and to those listed under s51A LUPAA. The status of an application as retrospective is not one of these matters. Council as a planning authority cannot refuse to issue a permit for riverside camping on the basis that it has already been occurring without approval.</p> <p>Issues relating to non-compliance or potential non-compliance with planning schemes are separate to the determination of permits. These matters are dealt with under Division 4 and 4A LUPAA.</p>

Issues Raised:	Response:
<p>on Sites 3, 4, and 5 prior to the submission of DA99/2025. In these circumstances, Council is legally obliged to address existing breaches before considering expansion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite multiple compliance complaints submitted over an eight-month period, Council has not undertaken enforcement action, indicating capacity constraints in monitoring and regulating the site. • Adjoining landowners cannot rely on the regulatory system to protect their property interests. • The objectors have submitted multiple documented complaints regarding non-compliance. One was acknowledged, but no enforcement action has been taken. At the same time, objectors were encouraged to lodge further complaints with the expectation of action. This pattern creates a risk of procedural unfairness, as adjoining landowners cannot rely on the planning system to protect their property interests while unauthorised operations are allowed to continue. 	
<p>Increased traffic on, and commercialisation of, existing right of way (Representors C):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle arrivals and departures, including campervans and caravans, materially exceed what could reasonably have been contemplated by the original easement. • The easement cuts immediately alongside the residence at 280 Pages Road. Increased daily and seasonal traffic significantly diminishes residential amenity. • Adverse impact on agricultural operations: Photo evidence demonstrates cattle grazing areas directly exposed to visitor vehicles visible through inadequate screening. 	<p>The subject site is accessed from Tommey Road via a right of way over 280A Pages Road. The right of way is a right of carriageway and defined under the <i>Conveyancing and Law of Property Act 1884</i>, it is not a road within the meaning of the planning scheme and does not form part of the local road network to which Council must give consideration under P4(d) for Clause 20.3.1.</p> <p>The right of way has been in place for some time and the owners of 280 Pages Road would have been made aware of its existence when they purchased the property. Historical patterns of use for a right of way do not prevent the manner/intensity of use from changing in future.</p> <p>Whether the level of traffic utilising the right of way is unreasonable or goes beyond the scope originally contemplated by the</p>

Issues Raised:	Response:
<p>The noise and visual disturbance undermine rural productivity and the quiet character of adjoining farmland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Right of Way was created to provide access between rural titles, not as a quasi-public access road servicing a commercial visitor accommodation venture. • The applicant’s submission states that vegetation and distance adequately screen the Right of Way from adjoining dwellings and land uses. Photographs show this is not the case. Visitor vehicles are clearly visible from the adjoining agricultural boundary and caravans can be seen from within active grazing areas. • From the residence and farmland at 280 Pages Road, traffic along the Right of Way is visible and audible. Headlights, engine noise, and regular vehicle movement occur in direct view of the adjoining property. While the easement was originally designed as a shared rural carriageway, its current and proposed commercial use materially alters the character and amenity of the burdened land. • The documented traffic volumes and blockages demonstrate that the easement is already being used beyond its intended legal scope. In this context, further intensification through an expansion to 28 visitor sites would impose an unreasonable and unlawful burden on the servient tenement. • The right of way is being treated as if it were a dedicated commercial access road rather than a private easement. • The scale of traffic has created repeated blockages and conflicts with adjoining landowners’ property access. • The risk of liability for accidents occurring on the right of way exposes the objectors to costs and 	<p>agreement is a civil matter that is not within Council’s jurisdiction. Council’s consideration of the right of way and the intensity of use is limited to the matters identified under the planning scheme. Representors are encouraged to obtain their own independent legal advice regarding the status of the right of way.</p> <p>The relevant test under P2 is whether the expansion of camping areas and provision for an additional 8 vehicles/caravans will confine or restrain existing use on adjoining properties, not simply whether amenity is affected.</p> <p>Agricultural activities conducted at 280 Pages Road include grazing of animals in areas which abut the right of way. Cattle are often found in roadside paddocks and do not traditionally require separation from traffic the way species of a more sensitive disposition, such as horses, may. The right of way is fenced off from paddocks on 280 Pages Road to safeguard animals and traffic.</p> <p>The dwelling at 280 Pages Road is setback approximately 60m from the right of way, which is not an unreasonable separation from traffic given that the planning scheme only requires dwellings to be 5m from a frontage in the Rural zone.</p> <p>The objectives of the Rural zone place no emphasis on preservation of residential amenity and Council is not specifically required to consider the visual impact of the proposal. Although the number of vehicles utilising the right of way may not be desirable, it does not rise to the level of confining or restraining sensitive use or grazing activities on 280 Pages Road.</p> <p>As discussed in the planning assessment below for Clause 20.3.1 P2, it is acknowledged that the current access arrangements can and do lead to traffic backing up onto Toomey Road and that an increase in the number of vehicles/caravans permitted on the site has the potential to exacerbate this issue.</p> <p>To ensure free egress and ingress to both 280 and 280A Pages Road, Council’s Engineering Department requires the gate be relocated a minimum 10m further east into the right of</p>

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<p>responsibilities unrelated to their own land use.</p>	<p>way to allow space for vehicles to queue. An additional condition requiring the locking mechanism to be updated to the satisfaction of Council will also be included.</p>
<p>Use of Inglis River & flood risk (Representors C):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional guest and host photographs show intensive recreational use of the river at and adjacent to the camping sites, including pontoons, rope swings, swimming, kayaking, and snorkelling. • The applicant’s own Flood Hazard Assessment (Pitt & Sherry, Jan 2025) confirms that Sites 3–5 are flood-affected in a 1% AEP event. • Reliance on temporary use and an evacuation plan does not remove the hazard. Clause C12.5.1 requires that use “must not place people or property at unacceptable risk.” Locating visitor accommodation in a mapped hazard area does not meet this standard. 	<p>Use of the Inglis River by persons camping on the site can be categorised as passive recreation use undertaken by visitors to the site. Passive recreation is defined under the planning scheme as <i>‘use of land for informal leisure and recreation activities principally conducted in the open’</i>. The Natural Assets code does not apply to use. Similarly, the Flood Prone Areas Code does not apply to passive recreation use.</p> <p>A Flood Hazard Assessment prepared by T Risley and R Webster of Pitt & Sherry and dated 30 January 2025 was submitted with the application. The authors are considered to be suitably qualified persons. The findings of the report are considered to be sufficient to meet the requirements of the planning scheme. For a full assessment of the flood risk on the site under the planning scheme please see the discussion under Clause C12.5.2.</p> <p>Although the application was advertised as requiring assessment against C12.5.1 & C12.5.1, the objective of the former relates to habitable buildings in flood prone areas. No habitable buildings are included as part of this application.</p>
<p>Agricultural land use (Representors C):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the land was used for agricultural purposes in the months immediately preceding the applicant’s previous development application (DA164/2024, lodged August 2024), which itself described the property as a working farm, [this] contradicts the applicant’s current claim that the property has “no existing agricultural use” and “minimal potential for such use.” • The site has supported livestock within the past 18 months, showing that agricultural use is both possible and practical. • The applicant has presented conflicting narratives across successive 	<p>As discussed below under 20.3.1 P3, the level of existing agricultural use on the site is confined to the intermittent grazing of cattle and goats with the ability for visitors to interact with animals when owners are present. Animals are not kept on the site year round and the nature of the existing and proposed visitor accommodation is also seasonal in nature.</p> <p>There is a lawfully approved visitor accommodation use on the site and the current intensity of agricultural use undertaken on the site is designed around this use. The status of the land prior to approval of the previous permit is not relevant to the current assessment.</p> <p>Farming of the property on a more intensive, sustained basis could potentially be</p>

Issues Raised:	Response:
<p>applications, tailoring claims about agricultural activity to suit the planning outcome sought.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The property has recently supported agricultural use, as evidenced by livestock grazing and neighbouring lease demand. Expansion for tourism use represents inappropriate conversion of land with demonstrated agricultural potential. 	<p>undertaken in the absence of any visitor accommodation on the site however the fact remains that the existing approvals already somewhat curtail the overall potential of the site. The provision for an additional 8 self-contained vehicles/caravans is unlikely to significantly alter the existing level of constraint and will not permanently remove the land for future agricultural use.</p>
<p>Land use conflict (Representors C):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Despite the objectors installing a gate at considerable expense to prevent unauthorised entry to their property, campsite visitors have on multiple occasions followed them through the gate or otherwise gained access to their land. This risk is not abstract: it threatens the objectors' supply contract with <i>Greenham's Never Ever Beef Program</i>, which requires strict adherence to animal health and biosecurity standards. Loss of this accreditation would directly impact farm income. Campers' constant presence prevents adjoining landowners from undertaking effective vermin control, leading to reduced grass growth and direct impacts on grazing potential. Livestock stress from constant noise and traffic movements near grazing areas. 	<p>The subject site is bordered to the north, north-east and south-east by the Inglis River. The site is fenced and clearing delineated from surrounding properties. There are signs on both Pages Road and Toomey Road indicating the location of the site. Additionally, there are several maps within the site indicating the extent of the camp areas and marking neighbouring land as 'private property'. Reasonable efforts have been made by the applicants to avoid instances of accidental trespass. Matters of deliberate trespass should be reported to Tasmania Police and are not within the jurisdiction of council as a planning authority.</p> <p>The proposed visitor accommodation is not a sensitive use requiring specific separation from agricultural activities and does not constitute a 'dwelling house' for the purposes of <i>s113 Firearms Act 1996</i> (Tas). Even if consent requirements under s113 were triggered, residential use on 234 is closer to farming activities undertaken on 280 Pages Road than the proposed additional camping areas on the subject site.</p> <p>Cattle are often found in roadside paddocks and do not traditionally require separation from traffic the way species of a more sensitive disposition, such as horses, may. The right of way is fenced off from paddocks on 280 Pages Road to safeguard animals and traffic.</p>
<p>Permanent Visitor Accommodation – Built Form Intensification (Representators C):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current application does not merely seek to expand the number of camping sites. It introduces at least one 	<p>A two bedroom, prefabricated cabin on piers was approved in August 2025 and is in the process of obtaining relevant plumbing/building approvals. The single cabin met the requirements to be considered as a permitted application under s58 LUPAA and</p>

Issues Raised:	Response:
permanent cabin for visitor accommodation.	did not require public advertising. Council as a planning authority is bound to grant permits under s58.

INTERNAL REFERRALS

Engineering

The application was referred to the Engineering Services Department. The following conditions were recommended:

- (1) Stormwater from the development is to be fully contained within the boundaries of the property.
- (2) All costs associated with the proposed development including those related to infrastructure extensions or upgrades to Council assets are to be met by the Developer.
- (3) In the course of undertaking the development/use there is to be no damage caused to any Council owned infrastructure or property.
- (4) Loading and un-loading of vehicles is to be confined to within the boundaries of the property.

Environmental Health

The following environmental health comments were recommended.

Note: The development/use is not to result in the generation of environmental harm or nuisance as defined in the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

EXTERNAL REFERRALS

The application did not require any external referrals.

PLANNING ASSESSMENT

The subject site is zoned Rural under the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard* (TPS). The use is a Visitor Accommodation Use Class which is a permitted use within the zone.

The proposal does not meet the necessary qualifications or all of the acceptable solutions for applicable development standards and is therefore submitted as a discretionary application under Section 57 of LUPAA and assessed under the TPS and relevant State Policies and Acts. Section 57(1)(b) of LUPAA allows Council to relax or waive the provisions of its Planning Scheme under a discretionary status.

An assessment of the proposal against the applicable clauses for the Rural zone and relevant Codes is provided below.

20.3.1 Discretionary Use

<p>A1</p> <p>A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential, is for an alteration or extension to an existing use, if:</p> <p>the gross floor area does not increase by more than 30% from that existing at the effective date; and</p> <p>the development area does not increase by more than 30% from that existing at the effective date.</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential, must require a rural location for operational reasons, having regard to:</p> <p>the nature, scale and intensity of the use;</p> <p>the importance or significance of the proposed use for the local community;</p> <p>whether the use supports an existing agricultural use;</p> <p>whether the use requires close proximity to infrastructure or natural resources; and</p> <p>whether the use requires separation from other uses to minimise impacts.</p>
<p>Planning Comments: Complies</p> <p>The purpose of the Rural zone is to provide for a range of use or development in a rural location where such a location is required for operational reasons – see Clause 20.1.1(b). Performance Criteria P1 for this Clause expounds upon this through P1(a)-(e). Whilst these criteria are a list of matters to which Council as a planning authority must consider, they are not in themselves individual standards. Similarly, reference to a ‘rural location’ does not equate to the Rural zone, the implication being that a non-urban environment is required.</p> <p>The subject site is such a location, being bordered by the Inglis River to north-west, north-east and south-east. It is a secluded property accessed via a right of way from Toomey Road via a right of way and has no direct road frontage. The majority of the site cannot be viewed from either Pages Road or Toomey Road and the existing campground is advertised as a ‘rustic river retreat’.</p> <p>The existing approved visitor accommodation use on the site comprises two camping areas in a cleared area in the centre of the site with provision for 20 self-contained vehicles/self-contained caravans. A two bedroom, prefabricated cabin on piers was approved in August 2025 and is in the process of obtaining relevant plumbing/building approvals.</p> <p>The proposal is for an increase in the number of self-contained vehicles permitted to camp on the subject site at any one time from 20 to 28, an increase of 40%. It is also proposed to expand the permitted camping area to enable riverside camping on the northern and western portions of the lot, where it borders the Inglis River. Whilst the proposal represents an intensification requiring assessment in its own right against P1-P4 for Clause 20.3.1, connection to the existing use on the site must be given some weight as the proposal is building off an existing operation.</p> <p>The existing visitor accommodation takes the form of self-contained camping, providing an off-grid experience. Access to a natural setting is a key feature of this type of camping, which is incongruous with an urban environment. Activities undertaken by visitors to the site are largely centred around proximity to the Inglis River such as swimming, kayaking and fishing. Notably, P1(d) does not require that the natural resources the use is required to be in close proximity to be unique to the subject site but rather that they are found in a rural as opposed to urban location.</p> <p>The proposal is for an increase in the number of self-contained vehicles permitted to camp on the subject site at any one time from 20 to 28 and expansion of the permitted camping areas to enable riverside camping on the northern and western portions of the lot, where it borders the Inglis River. It is an intensification of an existing use on the site and will not comprise or distort the activity centre hierarchy. It does not require separation from other uses to minimise impacts.</p>	

The proposal complies with P1 for this Standard.																
<p>A2</p> <p>No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>A use listed as Discretionary must not confine or restrain existing use on adjoining properties, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the location of the proposed use; the nature, scale and intensity of the use; the likelihood and nature of any adverse impacts on adjoining uses; whether the proposed use is required to support a use for security or operational reasons; and any off site impacts from adjoining uses. 															
<p>Planning Comments: Complies</p> <p>The applicant is seeking an increase in the number of self-contained vehicles/self-contained caravans permitted on the site at any one time from 20 to 28. It is also proposed to expand the permitted camping area to enable riverside camping on the northern and western portions of the lot, where it borders the Inglis River. The 40% increase in capacity of the site is considered to be a substantial intensification and requires reassessment against the applicable discretionary use standards.</p> <p>The relevant test under P2 is whether the expansion of camping areas and provision for an additional 8 vehicles/caravans will confine or restrain existing use on adjoining properties. Although the objective (b) of this clause refers to ‘not unreasonably’ confining or restraining adjoining uses the language used in P2 indicates a higher threshold than mere minimisation.</p> <p>The terms confine or restrain are not defined under the planning scheme so must be given their ordinary meaning. The Macquarie Dictionary defines constrain as ‘to impose within bounds; limit or restrict’ and as ‘to shut or keep in; imprison’. Restrain is defined as ‘to hold back from action; keep in check or under control; keep down; repress’. Both of these meanings taken together indicate that whilst minimisation is not sufficient to demonstrate compliance with P2, it is equally true that the existence of any perceived annoyance is not enough to warrant refusal. Where the potential for interference exists, it must rise to the level of confining or restraining existing use.</p> <p>Consideration of adverse impact on existing use under P2 is limited to adjoining properties, those are next to or share a common boundary with the subject site.</p> <p>The only properties considered to adjoin 280A Pages Road are 234 Pages Road to the south and 280 Pages Road to the west. The northern and eastern portions of the subject site are bordered by the Inglis River. A small, <3000m² parcel of land under the authority of NRE Tas adjoins the site to the south-east but is utilised as part of the larger 234 Pages Road.</p> <p>The characteristics of these properties are outlined in the table below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Property</th> <th>Area (ha)</th> <th>Development</th> <th>Use</th> <th>Access</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>234 Pages Road</td> <td>11.23</td> <td>Dwelling, shed</td> <td>Residential, grazing</td> <td>Pages Road</td> </tr> <tr> <td>280 Pages Road</td> <td>10.67</td> <td>Dwelling, shed, farm shed</td> <td>Residential, grazing, hay production</td> <td>Toomey Road</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>280 Pages Road is also subject to a 9m wide right of way from the end of Toomey Road along its southern boundary. The right of way provides access for 280A Pages Road.</p>		Property	Area (ha)	Development	Use	Access	234 Pages Road	11.23	Dwelling, shed	Residential, grazing	Pages Road	280 Pages Road	10.67	Dwelling, shed, farm shed	Residential, grazing, hay production	Toomey Road
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Existing uses on adjoining properties are limited to residential use, grazing of cattle, hay production on a subsistence/semi-subsistence basis. Cropping has previously been undertaken on the northern section of 280 Pages Road (approximately 4ha).

The nature of the proposed visitor accommodation use is short term and transient. It is not a sensitive use requiring specific separation from agricultural activities and does not constitute a 'dwelling house' for the purposes of s113 *Firearms Act 1996* (Tas). Even if consent requirements under s113 were triggered, residential uses on 234 and 280 Pages Road are closer to farming activities undertaken on each other's properties than the proposed additional camping areas on the subject site. The provision for an additional 8 vehicles/caravans and additional camping areas will not prevent existing resource development activities on adjoining properties from continuing in their current capacity. The subject site is advertised as a 'rustic river retreat' in a rural area where there is the expectation of exposure to activities commonly conducted in these areas and there are legislative protections for existing farming activities from nuisance complaints.

The additional camp areas are located further from dwellings on adjoining properties than the existing approved sites. The booking process for the property includes mandatory acknowledgement and agreement to terms and conditions relating to noise restrictions, prohibited activities, supervision requirements for pets & children and emergency procedures amongst others. There is signage upon entry and within the site specifying conditions of entry and indicating the extent of the property boundaries. Camp areas are clearly delineated, and the property is remotely monitored by security cameras. The owners reside 10-15 minutes by car from the site and their contact details are provided at several locations throughout the property. Quiet hours are imposed from 10:00pm to 8:00am with restrictions against loud noise/music outside these hours.

The criteria identified under P2(a)-(e) do not require that any consideration be given to impact on residential amenity specifically, focusing instead on the likelihood and nature of adverse impacts. It is considered that the nature of camping undertaken on the site and the location of proposed new campsites is not likely to adversely impact adjoining properties in such a manner that it would confine or restrain residential use or farming operations in their current form.

A potential exception to this concerns the existing access arrangements for the camping area. Currently, the right of way off Toomey Road is locked for security purposes with guests provided with a code to access a key for the padlocked gate. The gate is located approximately 10m from the termination of Toomey Road. Persons entering the site are required to park in front of the gate, exit their vehicle to unlock it and then park on the other side to re-lock the gate. The process can take a few minutes and if more than one vehicle towing a caravan is queuing to enter the site it is likely traffic would back up into Toomey Road and prevent occupants of 280 Pages Road to be able to enter and exit their property freely. Due to the river on one side and private property on the other there is limited space on the side of Toomey Road to queue safely. The driveway over the right of way is also confined to a single lane with a passing bay. An increase in the number of vehicles/caravans permitted on the site has the potential to exacerbate this issue.

To ensure free egress and ingress to both 280 and 280A Pages Road, Council's Engineering Department requires the gate be relocated a minimum 10m further east into the right of way to allow space for vehicles to queue. An additional condition requiring the locking mechanism to be updated to the satisfaction of Council will also be included.

In this manner and having regard to the matters identified in P2(a)-(e), the proposal will not confine or restrain existing use on 234 and 280 Pages Road.

A3 No Acceptable Solution.	P3 A use listed as Discretionary, located on agricultural land, must minimise conversion of agricultural land to non-agricultural use and be
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	<p>compatible with agricultural use, having regard to:</p> <p>the nature, scale and intensity of the use;</p> <p>the local or regional significance of the agricultural land; and</p> <p>whether agricultural use on adjoining properties will be confined or restrained.</p>
<p>Planning Comments: Complies</p> <p>The TPS defines ‘agricultural land’ as:</p> <p>land that is in agricultural use, or has the potential for agricultural use, that has not been zoned or developed for another use or would not be unduly restricted for agricultural use by its size, shape and proximity to adjoining non-agricultural uses.</p> <p>The existing approved visitor accommodation use on the site comprises two camping areas in a cleared area in the centre of the site with provision for 20 self-contained vehicles/self-contained caravans. A two bedroom, prefabricated cabin on piers was approved in August 2025 and is in the process of obtaining relevant plumbing/building approvals.</p> <p>The proposal is for an increase in the number of self-contained vehicles permitted to camp on the subject site at any one time from 20 to 28, an increase of 40%. It is also proposed to expand the permitted camping area to enable riverside camping on the northern and western portions of the lot, where it borders the Inglis River.</p> <p>Currently, low level grazing of cattle and goats is undertaken on an intermittent basis with the ability for visitors to interact with animals when owners are present. Animals are not kept on the site year round and the nature of the existing and proposed visitor accommodation is also seasonal in nature. The current intensity of agricultural use undertaken on the site is designed around the approved visitor accommodation use. Farming of the property on a more intensive, sustained basis could be undertaken in the absence of any visitor accommodation however the existing approvals already curtail the overall potential of the site. The provision for an additional 8 self-contained vehicles/caravans is unlikely to significantly alter the existing level of constraint. The significance of the land for agricultural use is negligible within the context of other approved uses on the site.</p> <p>Visitors to the site already have approved access to the proposed additional camping areas for recreational purposes. They are not fenced off from patrons or reserved for agricultural use. Other than provision for self-contained camping, which is by nature transient, no physical alterations to the additional camping areas are required which would preclude grazing of animals in the off-season and/or in conjunction with camping.</p> <p>Regarding adjoining land, as discussed above under P2 the only properties considered to adjoin 280A Pages Road are 234 Pages Road to the south and 280 Pages Road to the west. Agricultural use on these properties is limited to grazing, and hay production on a subsistence/semi-subsistence basis. Cropping has previously been undertaken on the northern section of 280 Pages Road (approximately 4ha).</p> <p>The nature of the proposed visitor accommodation use is short term and transient. It is not a sensitive use requiring specific separation from agricultural activities and does not constitute a ‘dwelling house’ for the purposes of s113 <i>Firearms Act 1996</i> (Tas). Even if consent requirements under s113 were triggered, residential uses on 234 and 280 Pages Road are closer to farming activities undertaken on each other’s properties than the proposed additional camping areas on the subject site. The provision for an additional 8 vehicles/caravans and additional camping areas will not prevent existing resource development activities on adjoining properties from continuing in their current capacity. The subject site is advertised as a ‘rustic river retreat’ in a rural area</p>	

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The proposed riverside camping areas are located further from 234 and 280 Pages Road than the current approved site and do not increase the proximity of approved visitor accommodation use to agricultural activities undertaken on adjoining properties. It is considered that the expansion of visitor accommodation on the site will not increase the level of constraint or restriction on existing or potential future agricultural use on adjoining properties beyond that which is already present as a result of existing approved development in the area.

The proposal complies with P3 for this Standard.

<p>A4</p> <p>No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p>P4</p> <p>A use listed as Discretionary, excluding Residential, must be appropriate for a rural location, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the nature, scale and intensity of the proposed use; whether the use will compromise or distort the activity centre hierarchy; whether the use could reasonably be located on land zoned for that purpose; the capacity of the local road network to accommodate the traffic generated by the use; and whether the use requires a rural location to minimise impacts from the use, such as noise, dust and lighting.
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Planning Comments: Complies

The subject site is advertised as a ‘rustic river retreat’ for self-contained camping, providing an off-grid experience. Access to a natural setting is a key feature of this type of camping, which is incongruous with an urban environment. Activities undertaken by visitors to the site are largely centred around proximity to the Inglis River such as swimming, kayaking and fishing.

The proposal is for an increase in the number of self-contained vehicles permitted to camp on the subject site at any one time from 20 to 28 and expansion of the permitted camping areas to enable riverside camping on the northern and western portions of the lot, where it borders the Inglis River. It is an intensification of an existing use on the site and will not compromise or distort the activity centre hierarchy.

Visitor accommodation is only a permitted use in the Rural zone if for guests accommodated in an existing building. The Local Business, General Business and Environmental Management zones also have restrictions which preclude a camping area of the type proposed from being a permitted use. Whilst the General Residential, Low Density Residential, Rural Living and Village zones include visitor accommodation as a permitted use under their respective use tables with no qualifications, each of these zones also include a corresponding development standard requiring guests to be accommodated in existing habitable buildings.

With the exception of a Particular Purpose zone which only applies to a single property at 15285 Bass Highway, Somerset, visitor accommodation use in the form of a camping area cannot be approved via a permitted pathway in any zone in the Waratah-Wynyard municipal area. It is not evidenced that there is a zone to which the proposed use could more reasonably be located.

There are no noise, dust or lighting impacts likely to occur as a result of the proposal which would warrant a rural location.

Council’s Engineering Department has undertaken an assessment of the proposed increase in traffic and determined that the local road network has sufficient capacity to accommodate the proposal. No upgrades to Toomey Road are required as a result of the proposal and it will not result in Council needing to increase its service requirements. To ensure safety of other road users, the Engineering Department requires the existing entrance gate be relocated a minimum 10m further east into the right of way to allow space for vehicles to queue.

Having regard to the matters identified under P4(a)-(e), the proposal is considered to be appropriate for a rural location and satisfies P4 for this Standard.

C2.0 Parking and Sustainable Transport Code

C2.6.1 Construction of parking areas

<p>A1</p> <p>All parking, access ways, manoeuvring and circulation spaces must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) be constructed with a durable all weather pavement; (b) be drained to the public stormwater system, or contain stormwater on the site; and (c) excluding all uses in the Rural Zone, Agriculture Zone, Landscape Conservation Zone, Environmental Management Zone, Recreation Zone and Open Space Zone, be surfaced by a spray seal, asphalt, concrete, pavers or equivalent material to restrict abrasion from traffic and minimise entry of water to the pavement. 	<p>P1</p> <p>All parking, access ways, manoeuvring and circulation spaces must be readily identifiable and constructed so that they are useable in all weather conditions, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the nature of the use; (b) the topography of the land; (c) the drainage system available; (d) the likelihood of transporting sediment or debris from the site onto a road or public place; (e) the likelihood of generating dust; and (f) the nature of the proposed surfacing.
<p>Planning Comments: Complies</p> <p>The applicant is seeking an increase in the number of self-contained vehicles/self-contained caravans permitted on the site at any one time from 20 to 28. It is also proposed to expand the permitted camping area to enable riverside camping on the northern and western portions of the lot, where it borders the Inglis River.</p> <p>The proposed riverside camping areas go beyond the extent of the gravelled internal driveway within the site. These areas are grassed with no provision for formal parking spaces but adequate space for the intended number of vehicles. Camping spots available within each of these areas are not specifically designated in order to allow visitor to choose a suitable spot based on the conditions of the site however each area is clearly identifiable by fencing and signage. Riverside camping areas are restricted to 4WD vehicles and are clearly marked as such.</p> <p>The objective of C2.6.1 is to ensure that parking areas are constructed to an appropriate standard. Limiting access to 4WD vehicles ensures the sites are usable in all weather conditions, noting that the site will not be utilities during periods of heavy rainfall, per the recommendations of the flood hazard report submitted with the application. The transfer of sediment or debris from the site</p>	

onto a road or public place is likely to be limited to mud on tyres typically associated with off-road activities. No generation of dust from camping areas is anticipated and the site naturally falls away to the river however there are no formed parking spaces to generate stormwater runoff.

The proposal is considered to comply with P1 for this Standard.

C2.6.2 Design and layout of parking areas

<p>A1.1</p> <p>Parking, access ways, manoeuvring and circulation spaces must either:</p> <p>comply with the following:</p> <p>(a) have a gradient in accordance with Australian Standard AS 2890 - Parking facilities, Parts 1-6;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) provide for vehicles to enter and exit the site in a forward direction where providing for more than 4 parking spaces; (ii) have an access width not less than the requirements in Table C2.2; (iii) have car parking space dimensions which satisfy the requirements in Table C2.3; (iv) have a combined access and manoeuvring width adjacent to parking spaces not less than the requirements in Table C2.3 where there are 3 or more car parking spaces; (v) have a vertical clearance of not less than 2.1m above the parking surface level; and (vi) excluding a single dwelling, be delineated by line marking or other clear physical means; or <p>(b) comply with Australian Standard AS 2890- Parking facilities, Parts 1-6.</p> <p>A1.2</p> <p>Parking spaces provided for use by persons with a disability must satisfy the following:</p> <p>(a) be located as close as practicable to the main entry point to the building;</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>All parking, access ways, manoeuvring and circulation spaces must be designed and readily identifiable to provide convenient, safe and efficient parking, having regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the characteristics of the site; (b) the proposed slope, dimensions and layout; (c) useability in all weather conditions; (d) vehicle and pedestrian traffic safety; (e) the nature and use of the development; (f) the expected number and type of vehicles; (g) the likely use of the parking areas by persons with a disability; (h) the nature of traffic in the surrounding area; (i) the proposed means of parking delineation; and (j) the provisions of <i>Australian Standard AS 2890.1:2004 - Parking facilities, Part 1: Off-street car parking and AS 2890.2 - 2002 Parking facilities, Part 2: Off-street commercial vehicle facilities.</i>
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<p>(b) be incorporated into the overall car park design; and</p> <p>(c) be designed and constructed in accordance with <i>Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2890.6:2009 Parking facilities, Off-street parking for people with disabilities.</i></p>	
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Planning Comments: Complies

The applicant is seeking an increase in the number of self-contained vehicles/self-contained caravans permitted on the site at any one time from 20 to 28. It is also proposed to expand the permitted camping area to enable riverside camping on the northern and western portions of the lot, where it borders the Inglis River.

The proposed riverside camping areas go beyond the extent of the gravelled internal driveway within the site. These areas are grassed with no provision for formal parking spaces but adequate space for the intended number of vehicles. The areas are located downslope from the main camping area, level with the river. Camping spots available within each of these areas are not specifically designated in order to allow visitor to choose a suitable spot based on the conditions of the site however each area is clearly identifiable by fencing and signage and there is a limit non the overall number of vehicles per area. Riverside camping areas are restricted to 4WD vehicles and are clearly marked as such. The type of visitor accommodation proposed under this application is restricted to self-contained vehicles does not require any physical alterations to additional camping areas.

The objective of C2.6.2 is to ensure that parking areas are designed and laid out to provide convenient, safe and efficient parking. Limiting access to 4WD vehicles ensures the sites are usable in all weather conditions, noting that the site will not be utilities during periods of heavy rainfall, per the recommendations of the flood hazard report submitted with the application. Due to topography, traffic within the site will be travelling at low speeds with high visibility to other patrons. A speed limit of 10km/hr has also been imposed within the site to ensure safety of pedestrians. Whilst the site may accommodate disabled persons, it is not designed or intended as an accessible camping area. It is considered that the parking, access ways, manoeuvring and circulation spaces within the property have been appropriately designed for the conditions of the site and its intended purpose.

The proposal is considered to comply with P1 for this Standard.

C3.0 Road and Railway Assets Code

C3.5.1 Traffic generation at a vehicle crossing, level crossing or new junction

<p>A1.1</p> <p>For a category 1 road or a limited access road, vehicular traffic to and from the site will not require:</p> <p>(a) a new junction;</p> <p>(b) a new vehicle crossing; or</p> <p>(c) a new level crossing.</p> <p>A1.2</p> <p>For a road, excluding a category 1 road or a limited access road, written consent for a new</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>Vehicular traffic to and from the site means the lot or lots on which a use or development is located or proposed to be located. must minimise any adverse effects on the safety of a junction, vehicle crossing or level crossing or safety or efficiency of the road or rail network, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) any increase in traffic caused by the use;</p>
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<p>junction, vehicle crossing, or level crossing to serve the use and development has been issued by the road authority.</p> <p>A1.3</p> <p>For the rail network, written consent for a new private level crossing to serve the use and development has been issued by the rail authority.</p> <p>A1.4</p> <p>Vehicular traffic to and from the site, using an existing vehicle crossing or private level crossing, will not increase by more than:</p> <p>(a) the amounts in Table C3.1; or</p> <p>(b) allowed by a licence issued under Part IVA of the <i>Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i> in respect to a limited access road means a road declared to be a limited access road under s.52A of the <i>Roads and Jetties Act 1935</i>.</p> <p>A1.5</p> <p>Vehicular traffic must be able to enter and leave a major road in a forward direction.</p>	<p>(b) the nature of the traffic generated by the use;</p> <p>(c) the nature of the road;</p> <p>(d) the speed limit and traffic flow of the road;</p> <p>(e) any alternative access to a road;</p> <p>(f) the need for the use;</p> <p>(g) any traffic impact assessment; and</p> <p>(h) any advice received from the rail or road authority.</p>
<p>Planning Comments: Complies</p> <p>The subject site has no direct road frontage and is only accessible via a 9m wide right of way over the adjoining property at 280 Pages Road. The adjoining property does not rely on the right of way for access to Toomey Road and has a separate gated driveway where the road terminates.</p> <p>The proposal will increase the number of vehicles exiting/entering the right of way from Toomey Road by more than that permitted under A1.4 and assessment against P1 for this Standard is therefore required.</p> <p>Although the default speed limit on unsealed rural roads is 80km/hr, vehicles accessing the site in association with the proposed visitor accommodation use will largely be confined to large self-contained vehicles such as RV's and vehicles towing self-contained caravans. The weight of these vehicles, towing limitations and short length of Toomey Road means the majority of traffic does not use the road at the maximum permissible speed.</p> <p>The proposal will not affect the safety of a junction, level crossing or rail network. Council's Engineering Department have undertaken an assessment of the proposed increase in traffic, including a review of the width of the road and junction of Toomey Road with Pages Road. No safety or deficiency concerns have been identified, or with the capacity of Toomey Road to cater for the volume or size of vehicles proposed as part of this permit application. Council as a road authority has determined that neither the safety of the existing vehicle crossing or local road network will be adversely affected by the proposal.</p> <p>Although the width of the road reservation for Toomey Road is sufficient to enable vehicles waiting to enter the right of way to pull over on the verge, this is not currently possible due to the actual constructed location of the road in relation to the property at 234 Pages Road. To ensure safety of</p>	

other road users, the Engineering Department requires the existing entrance gate be relocated a minimum 10m further east into the right of way to allow space for vehicles to queue.

In this manner, the can comply with P1 for this Standard.

C12.0 Flood-Prone Areas Hazard Code

C12.5.2 Critical use, hazardous use or vulnerable use

<p>A1</p> <p>No Acceptable Solution.</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>A critical, hazardous, or vulnerable use within a flood prone hazard area must achieve a tolerable level of risk from flood, having regard to:</p> <p>(a) the type form and duration of the use; and</p> <p>(b) a flood hazard report that demonstrates that:</p> <p>any increase in the level of risk from flood does not warrant any specific hazard reduction or protection measures; or</p> <p>the use can achieve and maintain a tolerable risk from a 1% annual exceedance probability flood event for the intended life of the use without requiring any flood protection measures.</p>
<p>Planning Comments: Complies</p> <p>The development is classified as vulnerable use based on the visitor accommodation accommodating more than 12 guests. However, no permanent structures are proposed within the flood prone hazard area, with accommodation in this space limited to self-contained vehicles/self-contained caravans.</p> <p>A Flood Hazard Assessment prepared by T Risley and R Webster of Pitt & Sherry and dated 30 January 2025 was submitted with the application. The authors are considered to be suitably qualified persons. The report is based on an earlier proposal which was withdrawn however the only changes were removal of cabins and using the space to host events. The report is therefore greater in scope than is required and its findings are applicable to the current proposal.</p> <p>The report states the following in response to P1:</p> <p>The proposed development maintains the existing flood regime. No change to flood behaviour is proposed as no permanent structures are to be constructed within the flood prone area. The development only proposed temporary accommodation the flood area which can be managed utilising coordination prior to a flood even as discussed more in previous responses. As such, there is no increase in level of risk from flood and no specific hazard reduction or protection measures are required.</p> <p>The development proposal within the flood prone area are seen to maintain a tolerable risk from a 1% AEP flood event. Camping areas will not be utilised during periods of extended heavy rainfall, when the river level increases to flood levels or when advised by the BOM or SES of any flood risk periods.</p>	

Appropriate communication, and cancellation of camping bookings will be made to ensure the safety of visitors on the site of the proposed development. The areas shown to flood would be evacuated prior to flooding occurring.

The proposal is considered to be able to achieve a tolerable level of risk and satisfy P1 for this Clause. Compliance with recommendations in the submitted flood hazard report will be a condition of any permit issued.

A4

No Acceptable Solution.

P4

In addition to the requirements in clause C12.5.2 P1, a vulnerable use within a flood-prone hazard area, must be protected from flood, having regard to:

- (a) any protection measures, existing or proposed;
- (b) the ability and capability of people in a flood event who may live, work or visit the site, to:
 - (i) protect themselves;
 - (ii) evacuate in an emergency; and
 - (iii) understand and respond to instructions in the event of an emergency;
- (c) any emergency evacuation plan;
- (d) the level of risk for emergency personnel involved in evacuation and rescue tasks;
- (e) the advice contained in a flood hazard report; and
- (f) any advice from a State authority, regulated entity or a council.

Planning Comments: Complies

A Flood Hazard Assessment prepared by T Risley and R Webster of Pitt & Sherry and dated 30 January 2025 was submitted with the application. The authors are considered to be suitably qualified persons. The report is based on an earlier proposal which was withdrawn however the only changes were removal of cabins and using the space to host events. The report is therefore greater in scope than is required and its findings are relevant to the current proposal.

The report states the following in response to P4:

The proposed development maintains the existing flood regime. No change to flood behaviour is proposed as no permanent structures are to be constructed within the flood prone area. The development only proposes temporary accommodation in the flood area which can be managed utilising coordination prior to flood event as discussed more in previous responses. There are no existing protection measures within the flood prone area and no new measures are proposed.

There are no permanent structures/dwellings proposed within the flood prone areas and therefore there will be no people who live there. People who work or visit the flood prone area will vacate the areas to higher ground when the river level increases to flood levels or when advised by the BOM or SES of any flood risk periods.

The level of risk for emergency personnel involved in evacuation and rescue tasks is seen as acceptable as there is unhindered access to and from the site via roads and land that are not subject to flooding.

The report concludes that due to the nature and type of use in flood prone areas on the site, there will be no requirement for people to protect themselves beyond not using the site/vacating to higher ground when advised.

The type of accommodation used is intended to be moved quickly and in the event of unanticipated flooding there is a suitable higher ground on the property to which people can vacate at short notice. Additionally, the owners of the site have an existing understanding of its flood risk and can communicate risk information to visitors upon arrival.

The report requires that in an emergency the guidelines set out within the Western Emergency Management Plan are to be followed.

The findings of the Flood Hazard Report support that the proposal is considered to satisfy P4 for this Clause. Compliance with recommendations in the submitted flood hazard report will be a condition of any permit issued.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

The Council is established as a planning authority by definition under Section 3(1) of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* and must enforce the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard* (the Planning Scheme) under section 48 of the Act.

In accordance with section 57 of this Act and Council's Planning Scheme, this proposal is an application for a discretionary permit. Council may approve or refuse discretionary permit applications after considering both Council's Planning Scheme and the public representations received.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

There are no strategic implications as a result of this report.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report other than those ordinarily associated with administering the Planning Scheme.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is limited risk for the Council acting as planning authority, provided that decisions made are in accordance with the Planning Scheme.

Should the planning authority wish to make a decision against the professional advice provided, the reasons will need to be detailed.

LUPAA provides for penalties against a planning authority that fails to enforce its planning scheme (ss. 63a and 64). Going against advice provided in the planning report, without seeking alternate qualified advice, may create unnecessary risk for the Council in exercising its statutory functions as a planning authority.

Should a decision by the planning authority be contrary to professional advice provided and the matter is taken to the appeal tribunal, Council would need to obtain separate professional advice to represent Council through the appeal process.

COMMENT

This report is presented for Council's consideration, together with the recommendations contained at the beginning of this report.

It is considered that the proposed visitor accommodation expansion and associated parking and works complies with either the acceptable solution or satisfies the performance criteria for all applicable standards of the Planning Scheme. The proposal allows visitors to the site to experience the natural values of the area in a rural setting not available in traditional serviced caravan parks/campgrounds. It a continuation of an existing use on an already constrained site and will not restrict or constrain activities on adjoining sites within the meaning of the planning scheme. A tolerable level of risk from flooding can be achieved for the type of use on the site and conditions can be imposed to mitigate issues associated with vehicles entering and existing the site.

The application is considered to comply with the Rural provisions and applicable codes for the *Tasmanian Planning Scheme - Waratah-Wynyard*. It is therefore recommended that Council approve a planning permit for the proposed visitor accommodation.

7.0 MATTER RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**7.1 RESPONSE(S) TO COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil received.

7.2 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS RECEIVED IN WRITING

Nil received.

7.3 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE


A summary of question(s) without notice and response(s) will be recorded in the minutes.

8.0 NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil received.

9.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

9.1 BALLAD AVENUE ENVIRONMENT RESERVE MASTER PLAN ADOPTION

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Recreational Planning and Environment
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	6 October 2025
File Reference:	
Enclosures:	1. Ballad Avenue Environment Reserve Master Plan 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the Ballad Avenue Environment Reserve Master Plan and the action plan contained within.

PURPOSE

To seek Council approval for the adoption of the Ballad Avenue Environment Reserve Master Plan.

BACKGROUND

Following a public consultation process, Council at its meeting on 21 April 2021, resolved to proceed with the sale of 0 Ballad Avenue. Before determining the most appropriate disposal method, Council authorised the General Manager to undertake an expression of interest process for the sale and development of the land for residential purposes.

Informal advice was then received from the Wynyard Landcare Group (via a Facebook post) to advise the site contained protected species, eucalyptus brookeriana. Subsequently council officers obtained an environmental assessment from a third-party.

This resulted in Council resolving at its 15 November 2021 meeting to:

1. Note the Flora and Fauna Assessment Report for 0 Ballad Avenue, Wynyard.
2. Instruct Council Officers to register the natural values identified at the site with the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) to inform future development compliance.
3. Instruct Council Officers to continue to undertake appropriate weed containment And management measures to prevent the spread and future occurrence of controlled weeds; and
4. Defer the expression of interest for sale or development of the land for residential purposes in order to undertake an assessment into the site's suitability for other public recreational uses whilst preserving the natural values identified in the flora and fauna assessment.

At the same time, through its adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates, Council committed to providing an off-leash dog park and freedom camping site in Wynyard. Council engaged an independent consultant to check the compatibility of the Ballad Avenue site to meet the needs of a dog park and freedom camping area. The findings of this work were tabled at the 21 March 2022 meeting and then released for public comment over a five (5) week period. The feedback received up to this point was noted at the 20 June 2022 Council meeting. In July 2022, Council extended an additional opportunity for public

comment by contacting neighbouring property owners and tenants directly through mail out and letter drop processes.

At the 17 October 2022 ordinary meeting, Council noted a status update regarding the potential use of the Ballad Avenue site for a dog park and freedom camping area. It was determined to defer any decision-making on the use of Ballad Avenue Recreation Reserve for this purpose, pending a discussion with the Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society regarding the use of the Wynyard Showgrounds.

Subsequently a dog park and freedom camping area was established at the Wynyard Showgrounds, and Council sought advice from the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP) on the potential future uses for this land acknowledging the natural values highlighted in previous studies. At its 18 March 2024 meeting, Council endorsed the following recommendation put forward by the SEAP:

“That Council’s Ballad Avenue property be used to enhance the natural values and habitat area of the adjacent riparian zone of the Inglis River.”

Following the adoption of this recommendation, officers collaborated with the SEAP and a local consultant to develop a master plan that prioritises the protection and restoration of the natural environment, while also being sensitive to the current needs and expectations of the community. At its 23 June 2025 meeting, Council endorsed the draft master plan for release for public consultation. Feedback from this process has been collated and considered through the SEAP and a revised plan is now ready for consideration for adoption.

DETAILS

The Ballad Avenue Reserve is a beautiful, largely wooded open space on the edge of Wynyard on the banks of the Inglis River. A report on the Flora and Fauna of the site undertaken by RMCG for Waratah Wynyard Council identified the site as making an important contribution to the ecological integrity of the wider area and advised this site had the potential to enhance that contribution.

It is also used and valued by the local community and its accessible location means it provides an important opportunity for people to learn about nature and develop the love and respect for nature that is an essential foundation of a sustainable community. Appropriate visitation also provides the surveillance necessary to minimise anti-social behaviour.

The master plan seeks to enhance these ecological and social qualities through careful design and management to create an “Environment Reserve”. It strikes a balance between social and ecological objectives in a way that prioritises ecological values and seeks social objectives where they are compatible with those ecological values.

Therefore, this plan outlines a series of strategies and actions that ensure nature is prioritized and the community can benefit.

As well as the report noted above this plan draws on other sources:

- Consultation with the community in October 2024 and in July and August 2025.
- The advice and insights of the members of the Councils Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP)
- The advice and direction of Council Officers
- The experience and insights of Officers at the Cradle Coast Authority

The draft master plan was released for comment earlier this year. A summary of the key themes from the public consultation process has been included below, with a full table of comments included at the end of the master plan. Key themes included:

- Strong overall support for the rehabilitation initiative, recognising its environmental and community value.
- Broad endorsement for biodiversity enhancement through wetland development, native planting, and habitat protection, with requests to retain existing mature trees and use locally sourced native species.
- Concerns about threats to wildlife from feral and domestic cats, and support for dog leash requirements.
- Encouragement for community and school involvement in planting and monitoring activities to foster environmental stewardship.
- Emphasis on balancing conservation outcomes with community access.

Each comment was reviewed by the consultants (Cradle Coast Authority), Council staff, and the SEAP. Where appropriate, amendments were incorporated into the plan in response to community feedback, including the addition of a definition for an “environmental reserve.” While the request to address the management of feral and domestic cats and dogs within the reserve is recognised as having environmental merit, it was noted that these matters are best considered within a broader, municipality-wide framework. These issues may be further examined as part of future Council policy reviews.

The final draft plan has now been updated and attached for consideration of adoption.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.1 Council and the community minimise its resource consumption and carbon footprint.
7.3 Our natural environment, unique surroundings and community assets are future ready in a changing climate.
7.4 The natural environment is shared, and land use conflict is reduced through sustainable development.
7.5 Stewardship of our land, water and marine ecosystems respects past, present and future generations.
Our Priorities
7.1.2 Advocate for effective environmental management and contribute to regional, state, and national climate change initiatives.
7.2.1 Support and foster community led adaption and initiatives.
7.3.2 Embed environmental considerations and potential climate impacts in Council’s infrastructure planning and decision making.

7.3.3 Innovative and sustainable design is encouraged through forward thinking and planning.
7.5.1 Protect, enhance and recover biodiversity through forward thinking and planning.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	Managing abundant, natural and productive resources – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining good health and wellbeing – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Education	Lifelong learning and education – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council’s Environmental Sustainability Policy and Asset Management Policy are relevant to this report. These policies ensure that actions taken align with Council’s sustainability principles and that the long-term lifecycle costs of infrastructure are considered.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The Ballad Avenue Environment Reserve Master Plan aims to enhance and protect the natural environment. It provides a strategic framework to guide future development and land use in a way that prioritises ecological sustainability. By identifying and preserving key natural features such as native vegetation, waterways, and wildlife habitats, the plan can help maintain biodiversity and ecological health. It also supports sustainable design principles, such as water-sensitive urban design, habitat restoration, and improved landscape connectivity. Ultimately, the master plan promotes responsible stewardship of the land, ensuring that environmental values are embedded in both current and future uses of the site.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The draft master plan proposes the delivery of 22 actions over approximately eight (8) years commencing with weed management planning and fuel break investigations this year. An estimate of the capital and special operational expenditure for the plan at this stage is approximately \$174,000, with almost half of this plan being solely reliant on receiving third-party funding (grants or in-kind support from community groups). Without the shared contribution from other parties this plan cannot be successful. It is noted that Council has

received a political funding commitment from the Federal Labour party to go towards biodiversity improvements across four key sites (Ballad Avenue being one of them), however the exact distribution of this funding is yet to be determined.

An increase of \$17,500 p.a. to Council's ongoing operational costs is anticipated as a result of the actions proposed, this is an equivalent general rate increase of 0.19%. In line with Council's Financial Management Strategy, operational improvements would need to be achieved to fund the additional cost. This could be achieved by way of decreasing expenditure or increasing revenue streams.

However, the anticipated increase of \$17,500 does not account for the expected reduction in maintenance needs over time as the land undergoes regeneration. While it is difficult to predict the exact timing or extent of these reductions, it is anticipated that the combination of declining maintenance requirements and ongoing in-kind support from community organisations will help offset costs, resulting in a negligible long-term impact on operational expenses.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

In terms of plan implementation, community partnerships and local leadership play a critical role in the successful regeneration of public land, particularly when guided by a master plan with a strong focus on biodiversity. These collaborations foster shared ownership, encourage stewardship of the natural environment, and leverage local knowledge, skills, and resources to enhance project outcomes. Engaged communities are more likely to contribute in-kind support, assist with ongoing maintenance, and advocate for the site's ecological and social value. However, one of the most prominent risks associated with this approach is the potential difficulty in garnering sufficient community interest or sustained involvement. Without active participation, the burden of implementation and long-term maintenance may fall disproportionately on Council, potentially limiting the plan's effectiveness and long-term viability. Addressing this risk will require ongoing engagement strategies and clear communication of the benefits to the community.

CONSULTATION PROCESS


The development of this plan has been undertaken in close collaboration with Council's Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP). Initial consultation also took place with adjoining landowners and the local primary school to help inform the plan's direction.

Following the broader community consultation, the SEAP has provided out-of-session support for the adoption of the plan.

CONCLUSION

It is therefore recommended that the Council adopts the Ballad Avenue Environment Reserve Master Plan.

9.2 CAM RIVER RESERVE MASTER PLAN - FINAL REPORT

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Contracts and Administration Officer
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date: 9 September 2025
File Reference: CRiMP
Enclosures: 1. Cam River Master Plan - Action Status Report 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the final report and completion of the Cam River Reserve Master Plan

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a final annual update on the status of the actions contained within the Cam River Reserve Master Plan (CRiMP).

BACKGROUND

In Council's 2019/20 Annual Plan, Council recognised the need to develop a master plan for the Cam River Reserve. The plan provided an opportunity to review the currency of the previous Landscape Development Plan (adopted in 2012) and to address possible future changes that could impact on the reserve, such as the renewal of the vehicular bridge by the Department of State Growth. Following a three-week consultation process, 39 comments were received from the community and considered prior to the master plan being adopted by Council in July 2020.

The CRiMP provides Council with a clear vision for the future development and management of the area. The reserve is recognised as a significant parkland in Waratah-Wynyard, and it will continue to be developed as a naturally beautiful riparian reserve for relaxation, leisurely activity, and social interaction. The master plan sets out to address key objectives of managing safety and pedestrian circulation, enhancing, and protecting the natural values of the reserve and creating a natural entrance to the eastern side of the municipality.

DETAILS

The CRiMP proposed a series of actions under the themes of safe access and circulation; relaxation and amenities; nature, art, and design; and passive recreation.

A detailed update of the activities undertaken against each action is included in the table attached to this report.

Of the 23 actions, 22 have been completed, with one action (solar bollard lighting) not started. This final action was reprioritised in an earlier year as it was dependent on the footpath upgrades, which were delayed by the extended timeline for the Department of State Growth to complete the Cam River Bridge works. The bridge was re-opened on 4 June 2024.

The installation of solar bollard lighting was originally identified in the master plan as an amenity improvement to enhance user experience. However, since the development of the master plan, alternative projects (such as the coastal pathway) have been delivered, providing greater connectivity and attracting higher levels of use. These areas are also

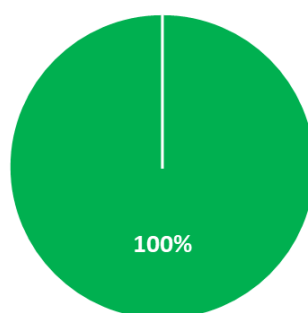
supplemented by existing street lighting in certain sections. In addition, research indicates that artificial light pollution can negatively impact wildlife by disrupting natural behaviours. Accordingly, the installation of bollard lighting at the Cam River Reserve may be inconsistent with Council's sustainability commitments, including those outlined in the Integrated Council Environmental Plan (iCEP).

It is noted that two actions were also set aside earlier in the master plan. The first related to exploratory bay reclamation works, which could not proceed due to ecological risks at the proposed location. The second, the installation of drinking fountains and an outdoor shower, was contingent on the reclamation works and therefore also not progressed. Council has not received significant community demand for these items, and the same is true of the remaining solar bollard lighting action.

Given the above and considering there is no current funding available for the solar lighting and low demand levels for lighting, drinking fountain and shower, these actions are recommended as complete/resolved and have been marked as such in the attached status report. The resolution of these items means that Council can now consider the master plan complete and any further upgrades at Cam River Reserve would be subject to the standard annual plan and budget process.

Cam River Management Plan - Progress Update

■ Not Started ■ In Progress ■ Ongoing ■ Complete



Over the past 12 months, a number of key achievements have been delivered. The riverside path was renewed and upgraded to shared pathway standards (2.6m wide), improving safety and accessibility. Safety fencing was constructed adjacent to the highway junctions, and a woodland municipal entrance feature was created at the northern end of the reserve. In addition, appropriate plants species were planted alongside the new safety fence, providing both a visual buffer and enhanced landscape character.



Hedging & Woodland Features





Pathway & Fencing:





Some Previous Achievements:





The delivery of the Cam River Master Plan has transformed the reserve into a safer, more inclusive, and engaging community space. Collectively, the completed actions provide better access and safety through upgraded paths, crossings, and signage that make the reserve easier to navigate and safer for all users. Improved amenities, including new seating and shade structures, have enhanced comfort and everyday use. Richer natural and cultural values have been fostered through tree planting, environmental partnerships, heritage interpretation, and public art, all of which strengthen ecological health and community identity. Expanded recreation opportunities, such as cycling facilities, and passive leisure areas, support healthy and active lifestyles.

Together, these upgrades deliver a well-rounded reserve that is inviting, functional, and sustainable, reinforcing its role as a key destination for recreation, connection, and community pride in Somerset and the surrounding areas.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.1 Waratah-Wynyard is a modern community—moving forward but not forgetting where it started.
3.3 Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.
Our Priorities
3.1.2 Promote and strengthen community safety to retain and attract families to live and recreate in Waratah-Wynyard.
3.3.1 Provide high quality shared and multi-use community hubs that combine a range of recreational, sporting and educational uses.

GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing
Desired Outcomes
4.3 We provide recreational opportunities to the community for all ages and abilities.
Our Priorities
4.3.1 Commit to ongoing recreation and open space planning to ensure evidence-based decisions are made about the role of Council and its partners in recreation.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Natural resource management	Managing abundant, natural and productive resources – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining good health and wellbeing – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this update.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS


There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

The original master plan anticipated completion by the end of the 2024/25 financial year. However, delays to the Department of State Growth's Cam River Bridge works extended the program, with the solar bollard lighting action initially carried into 2025/26. Without demonstrated community demand, it is recommended that this action be closed. The requirement for lighting may be reconsidered in future years as a separate project, subject to community demand, funding availability, and consideration of best practices in passive outdoor lighting, sustainability, and minimising ecological impacts.

Following the successful delivery of the Cam River Master Plan actions, the reserve reflects Council's vision for an accessible, engaging, and sustainable community space.

9.3 SISTERS BEACH FORESHORE MANAGEMENT PLAN

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Manager Recreational Planning and Environment
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date: 9 October 2025
File Reference:
Enclosures: 1. Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Plan 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Notes the Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Plan and the action plan contained within, developed by Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service in partnership with Council**
2. **Establish a Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Working Group to assist in preparing an implementation plan for Council-led actions in the Foreshore Management Plan; and**
3. **Authorise officers to invite community representatives to participate in the working group.**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to note the Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Plan, which has been cooperatively developed by the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) with Council.

BACKGROUND

The Sisters Beach coastline is a dynamic environment shaped by wind, waves, tides, and creek flows, resulting in ongoing changes to sand and sediment distribution. Accelerated erosion at the Sisters Creek mouth in recent years has increased risks to public open space, infrastructure, and environmental values.

Technical investigations into coastal processes, hazards, and projected climate change impacts have been undertaken, focusing on the foreshore, creek estuary, and adjacent public land. These studies have informed appropriate management responses. Land tenure is shared, with the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) acting as primary custodian and Council responsible for public assets, community consultation, Tasmanian Planning Scheme administration and management of land held under licence.

Council has adopted a multi-faceted approach to manage the predicted coastal hazards at Sisters Beach that will have an impact on publicly owned infrastructure. Community engagement has been central to identifying values and informing plans addressing both the broader foreshore and the dynamic creek mouth. At its August 2024 meeting, Council received the Alluvium Consulting report *Sisters Beach Open Space – Coastal Erosion Options Assessment – Community Engagement and Options Refinement*, which assessed a range of erosion management options for the creek mouth.

In February 2025, Council endorsed active sand and vegetation management and access controls at the creek mouth, supporting gradual parkland retreat while protecting

community values. The retreat of public infrastructure will be led through a community co-design project as adopted in the 2025/26 Annual Plan and Budget.

DETAILS

The primary land custodian of the Sisters Beach foreshore is the PWS, while other land tenures within or adjacent to the foreshore include Council-managed reserves and private freehold land. The mix of land tenures influences foreshore management, as activities on these lands can impact vegetation condition and connectivity, contribute to habitat fragmentation, affect erosion and water quality through runoff, and facilitate inappropriate planting or clearing, including the spread of weeds and disturbances to fauna.

In 2021, Council engaged Alluvium Consulting Australia (Alluvium) to complete a coastal engineering and geotechnical assessment of five sites along the Waratah-Wynyard coastline, including areas of Sisters Beach. Following from initial investigations, the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) in conjunction with council, have engaged Alluvium to develop a foreshore management plan for Sisters Beach, recognising the shared responsibilities in the management of this area.

The plan addresses current access and vegetation management issues and develop targeted actions to prepare for emerging coastal hazard risks. This plan will guide PWS and council in the protection, maintenance and management of the Sisters Beach coastline and foreshore, while maintaining the natural character of the area and respecting ecological, cultural and social values of the coastal reserve.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of noting this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.3 Our natural environment, unique surroundings and community assets are future ready in a changing climate.
7.5 Stewardship of our land, water and marine ecosystems respects past, present and future generations.
Our Priorities
7.1.2 Advocate for effective environmental management and contribute to regional, state, and national climate change initiatives.
7.3.1 Facilitate education and awareness of climate change risks to the community and property owners.
7.3.2 Embed environmental considerations and potential climate impacts in Council's infrastructure planning and decision making.
7.5.1 Protect, enhance and recover biodiversity through forward thinking and planning.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	Managing abundant, natural and productive resources – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Governance and working together	Working together for Murchison – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council's Asset Management Policy is relevant in this instance in that future public asset provision in the Sisters Beach Foreshore should be carefully planned around the hazards projected through Coastal erosion and sea Level rise.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Climate science shows that rising sea levels, changing storm patterns and increased coastal erosion is placing pressure on communities like Sisters Beach. The coastline here is already experiencing significant erosion, particularly at the creek mouth and dune systems, which threatens public infrastructure. These hazards are projected to intensify with climate change, reducing the natural resilience of the foreshore and increasing risks to community assets, access, and environmental values.

The Foreshore Management Plan provides targeted actions in vegetation and access management to prepare for emerging coastal hazard risks. These specific and directed actions aim to support and protect the ecological, cultural and social values of the foreshore area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding will be required in the future to implement actions identified in the Foreshore Management Plan. The implementation plan for Council-led actions (to be developed) will outline potential funding requirements, which will be subject to Council consideration and endorsement.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Coastal erosion is impacting the foreshore area and the Sisters Creek Reserve. Without intervention this erosion will, over time, threaten adjacent community infrastructure.

Climate-related changes, including sea level rise and more frequent and intense storm events, are expected to exacerbate these impacts. Over time, these forces may necessitate retreat from areas of the reserve subject to flooding, storm surge, and related hazards.

An adaptive approach to erosion mitigation is considered the most appropriate response in this context.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Community engagement has been central to identifying values and informing plans that address the areas impacted by coastal hazards at Sisters Beach. This work, alongside collaboration with PWS and technical experts, has informed the Foreshore Management Plan.

Should Council support the recommendation, further community engagement opportunities will be available (at appropriate times), such as:

- Community information session/s on the Foreshore Management Plan
- Participation in a working group to assist the development of an implementation plan for council-led actions
- Further development and refinement of management initiatives
- Community monitoring
- Co-design projects around the public open space and estuary mouth

CONCLUSION

It is therefore recommended that council:

1. Note the Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Plan and the action plan contained within, developed in partnership with the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service
2. Establish a Sisters Beach Foreshore Management Working Group to assist in preparing an implementation plan for Council-led actions in the Foreshore Management Plan; and
3. Authorise officers to invite community representatives to participate in the working group.

9.4 WASTE ACTION PLAN AND SERVICE LEVEL DOCUMENT FOR ADOPTION

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Manager Recreational Planning and Environment
Responsible Manager:	Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date:	6 October 2025
File Reference:	
Enclosures:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019-2024 - Final Actions Status Report 2. Waste Action Plan 2025-2028 3. Waste Management Service Level Document 2025 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Notes the status update and completion of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019-2024;**
2. **Adopts the Waste Action Plan 2025-2028 and endorses the action plan contained within; and**
3. **Adopts the Waste Service Level Document 2025.**

PURPOSE

To replace the existing Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019-2024 with a revised Waste Action Plan and Service Level Document.

BACKGROUND

In Council's 2018/19 Annual Plan, Council identified the need to develop a waste strategy and review waste management service opportunities and gaps. This led to the adoption of the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy in 2019, with annual progress updates provided as implementation progressed.

Since that time, the Cradle Coast Waste Management Group (CCWMG) released its Strategic Plan 2023–2028, which was noted by Council at its September 2022 meeting. This strategy outlines regional priorities for improved resource recovery and waste reduction across the Cradle Coast region.

To support this regional direction, Council's existing Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy has now been reviewed and is recommended to be replaced with the Waste Action Plan 2025-2028 to ensure a more targeted and contemporary approach that aligns with the regional strategy. The Waste Action Plan is intended to describe the actions that Waratah-Wynyard Council will deliver at a local level that demonstrate value-for-money service provision in alignment with regional goals.









In addition, the Waste Service Level Document 2025 has been developed to provide clear operational guidance and ensure waste services are delivered consistently to the community. This approach supports Council's commitment to transparent, accountable and evidence-based service delivery, enabling clearer communication of service levels, risks and funding implications.

DETAILS

Final Update - Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019-2024

The Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019-2024 proposed a series of actions against four focus area of Materials Recovery; Education and Awareness; Environmental Compliance; and Value-for-money.

While the headline target of 50% overall waste diversion has not been met, steady progress is being made in municipal solid waste avoidance with an estimated 46% diversion rate on 30 June 2025 (medium data confidence). A key contributor to this progress is the kerbside organics (FOGO) collection service, introduced in July 2024. Although organics volumes have varied over time, the current **kerbside** diversion rate has exceeded 50%, indicating strong potential for increased diversion across other waste streams in the future. The table below tracks our progress and performance against the four targets from the Strategy.

2019-2024 Strategy Targets				Progress Update
	Materials Recovery	Divert 50% waste from landfill		Progress has been made. Overall diversion rate as of 30 June 2025 was approximately 46%, with medium confidence in the data.
	Education	Achieve 90% recycling audit pass		Target achieved. A total area consisting of 982 households was audited during Sept/Oct 2024. Out of these properties, 787 presented their bins and 709 achieved a pass mark, representing a 90.01% pass rate.
	Environmental Compliance	Achieve 100% legislative compliance		Progress has been made. Whilst no local audits programs have been established, the regional waste management group have provided support to sites to ensure each site aligns with the best practice guidelines.
	Value-for-Money	Provide value-for-money services		Progress has been made. Several service reviews and actions have been undertaken to improve value in the waste stream. A new funding model for the WTS has been implemented that allows residents “free” (prepaid) entry at the gate for most items. However, a full cost recovery model has not yet been achieved meaning some of the waste service is subsidised by the general rate. It is estimated to take up to 3 years to achieve a full cost recovery model (by 2027/28).

Of the 28 actions, 24 have been completed or incorporated into standard operational practice. Three actions were marked as resolved, as current data did not provide sufficient evidence to justify their continuation. For example, efforts to reduce illegal dumping will continue through promotion of the online reporting tool; however, no persistent hotspots have been identified and therefore on-the-ground actions have not been undertaken.

The one remaining action is the design and construction of an enclosed resale centre (“tip shop”), which remains a valuable initiative supporting landfill diversion, the circular economy, and community education. It is recommended that this action be considered “deferred” and incorporated into the new Waste Action Plan 2025–2028 for ongoing consideration, funding and implementation.

A detailed update of the activities undertaken against each action has been included in the table attached to this report.

Waste Action Plan 2025-2028

The Waste Action Plan 2025-2028 builds upon and replaces the previous Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019-2024, reflecting a renewed focus on targeted, community-driven initiatives. This shift highlights the value of locally tailored actions that directly benefit our residents while contributing positively to the wider region. By prioritising practical, place-based solutions, Council aims to address the unique waste management and resource recovery needs specific to our area.

At the same time, the plan respects and complements the extensive strategic efforts already underway at regional, state, and national levels. Rather than duplicating these broader frameworks, the Waste Action Plan is designed to fill local gaps, support effective implementation, and deliver measurable results where they matter most - right here within our community.

Critically, the Waste Action Plan has been informed by the strategic direction of CCWMG, whose regional strategy has played a fundamental role in shaping local actions. By aligning with the CCWMG’s broader objectives, the plan ensures consistency whilst addressing Waratah-Wynyard’s specific challenges and opportunities and are responsive to the needs and expectations of our local community.

However, as new technologies and regional service offerings are identified regularly, it’s important that Council’s strategies and plans remain agile to adapt to meet these needs where beneficial to do so. To support decision-making on new initiatives (regionally and locally), a set of key principles have been defined within the Waste Action Plan for guidance. These principles include:

1. Minimise negative impacts of waste on the natural environment
2. Promote sustainable management of resources
3. Provide appropriate waste services that represent value-for-money
4. Work collaboratively for the benefit of the region

Ideally, all four principles are met before Council supports a new initiative. It is possible that in some cases there may be conflict between these principles. In such circumstances, the relative merits and impacts of the proposal will be weighed, with a view to achieving the best overall outcome for the community. Where it is considered that an initiative has strong

strategic merit but does not fully meet one or more of the principles, the Waste Action Plan proposes that Council may only determine to proceed by absolute majority.

Waste Service Level Document 2025

The service level document is the instrument by which Council delivers waste services (including kerbside collection, public place bins and waste transfer stations) in a transparent and accountable way to the community. The service levels outlined in the document represent Council’s current baseline of service and align with existing local and regional contractual arrangements. Establishing this baseline is an important first step, and no changes to current service levels are proposed at this stage. Adjustments to service provision may be considered as part of future reviews as required.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 7: Environment
Desired Outcomes
7.1 Council and the community minimise its resource consumption and carbon footprint.
Our Priorities
7.1.1 Divert waste from landfill and build awareness around sustainable waster generation and management.

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
Our Priorities
1.2.1 Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Business & Industry	Specialised diversity of the economy – Value adding, diversification, innovation and employment. A resilient economy with global brand recognition and growing exports.
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	Managing abundant, natural and productive resources – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
	supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.
Governance and working together	Working together for Murchison – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council’s Environmental Sustainability Policy and Asset Management Policy are relevant to this report. These policies ensure that actions taken align with Council’s sustainability principles and that the long-term lifecycle costs of infrastructure and service delivery are considered.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Reducing waste is a critical component of building a healthier, more environmentally sustainable, and resilient community. The Waste Action Plan 2025–2028 and Waste Service Level Document 2025 support this by promoting diversion from landfill, recycling, and resource recovery. This approach protects the environment by reducing pollution, conserving natural resources, and mitigating greenhouse gas emissions from waste. It also supports a circular economy, creating opportunities for local jobs, innovation, and economic resilience. By establishing a documented baseline and consistent service levels, Council can lead by example, fostering responsible waste practices, environmental awareness, and long-term community stewardship.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Waste Action Plan 2025-2028 proposes the delivery of 17 action items over three years, at a total estimated capital expenditure of approximately \$1.75 million. Once completed, an additional \$38,900 annually is expected to be required to cover depreciation and maintenance (this figure does not yet account for any savings or revenue as a result of undertaking the proposed actions). If there remains a net increase to recurrent costs after the offset has been applied, this must be funded through an increase to the waste utility charge.

Funding sources to deliver the plan will rely on successfully obtaining third-party funding for approximately 65% of the proposed capital expenditure.

There are no additional funding implications forecast for the adoption of the service level document. Any increases to operational delivery (such as rise and fall contract clauses) will be incorporated into the annual budget process.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Waste Action Plan 2025-2028 outlines a series of projects for Council to consider for future funding and resourcing. Key risks relate to the delivery of these projects, including potential delays or resourcing constraints, financial implications for new initiatives, and managing community expectations around future service improvements.

Adopting the Waste Service Level Document 2025 carries minimal immediate risk, as it reflects the current service baseline. Documenting service levels provides a clear framework

that supports consistent, accountable service delivery, reduces operational and compliance risks, and enables transparent communication with the community.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Waste Service Level Document formalises the current service level, which has evolved over time to meet the needs and expectations of the community. As such, endorsing this document does not trigger a requirement for public consultation as the baseline service level accurately reflects existing practices. Future service reviews can incorporate consultation to ensure any changes and reflect the views of the wider community.

The Waste Action Plan 2025–2028 aligns with the CCWVG Strategic Plan, which guides regional priorities for all councils in the Cradle Coast area. The regional strategic plan was developed with consideration of a range of factors, including community needs, environmental outcomes, technical feasibility, priorities, and value-for-money. As the Waste Action Plan follows this established regional framework, separate consultation is not required at this stage but can be considered in an integrated manner when the regional strategy is next reviewed.

However, to ensure these documents provided a clear and coordinated approach to delivering waste and resource recovery services, Council’s Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Panel (SEAP) were invited to make comment on the draft documents prior to tabling for adoption.

CONCLUSION

It is therefore recommended that Council replaces the existing Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019-2024 with the revised Waste Action Plan 2025-2028 and Waste Service Level Document 2025.

9.5 THE ELMA FAGAN HALL, WARATAH

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer
Report Date: 8 October 2025
File Reference: 12345
Enclosures: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Initiates a public Expression of Interest process for an interested party to take on the Elma Fagan Hall in Waratah; and**
2. **Resolves that the process and any sale are to be conducted in compliance with Section 178 of the *Local Government Act*.**

PURPOSE

For Council to endorse the commencement of a public Expression of Interest for the possible sale of the Elma Fagan Hall in Waratah

BACKGROUND

At a workshop discussion on 8 September Councillors agreed to initiate a public Expression of Interest process to understand whether there was interest in taking on the Elma Fagan Hall.

A public and transparent process for sale will enable Council to explore what opportunities may exist in this regard.

The stated criteria for evaluation of submissions in Council's EOI will be:

- To continue existing community use of this facility;
- To safeguard the future of the facility as a valued community asset; and
- Best offer including price.

DETAILS

Under Section 178 of the *Local Government Act*, matters involving the sale of public land are required to be conducted in open session.

The ageing Elma Fagan Hall is currently utilised by the Waratah Men's Shed being under-used for its original purpose which was a basketball and squash stadium. The Waratah Men's Shed describes themselves as a not-for-profit organisation with a major focus on helping create awareness for men's health and wellbeing. The Waratah Men's Shed also encourage community members to drop in and participate in Men's Shed organised, individual and group workshop projects.

The property was last inspected and valued in July 2023. Council will seek a current valuation of the site. The 2023 valuation indicated a land value of \$170,000 and capital value of \$690,000 (total \$860,000).

Under the Act notification of intent to sell must be displayed on the site in question for 21 days and also advertised in local media.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The Local Government Act 1993 Sections 178, 178A and 178B outlines the process for the sale of Public Land as follows:

178. Sale, exchange and disposal of public land

- (1) A council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land owned by it in accordance with this section.*
- (2) Public land that is leased for any period by a council remains public land during that period.*
- (3) A resolution of the council to sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land is to be passed by an absolute majority.*
- (4) If a council intends to sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land, the general manager is to–*
 - (a) publish that intention on at least 2 separate occasions in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area; and*
 - (ab) display a copy of the notice on any boundary of the public land that abuts a highway; and*
 - (b) notify the public that objection to the proposed sale, lease, donation, exchange or disposal may be made to the general manager within 21 days of the date of the first publication.*
- (5) If the general manager does not receive any objection under [subsection \(4\)](#) and an appeal is not made under [section 178A](#), the council may sell, lease, donate, exchange or otherwise dispose of public land in accordance with its intention as published under [subsection \(4\)](#).*
- (6) The council must –*
 - (a) consider any objection lodged; and*
 - (b) by notice in writing within 7 days after making a decision to take or not to take any action under this section, advise any person who lodged an objection of –*
 - (i) that decision; and*
 - (ii) the right to appeal against that decision under [section 178A](#).*
- (7) The council must not decide to take any action under this section if –*
 - (a) any objection lodged under this section is being considered; or*
 - (b) an appeal made under [section 178A](#) has not yet been determined; or*
 - (c) the Appeal Tribunal has made a determination under [section 178B\(b\)](#) or [\(c\)](#).*
- (8)*

178A. Appeal

- (1) Any person who lodged an objection under [section 178](#) may appeal to the Appeal Tribunal against the decision of a council under [section 178\(6\)](#) within 14 days after receipt of notice of that decision under [section 178\(6\)\(b\)](#).*
- (2) An appeal must be made in accordance with the [Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993](#).*
- (3) An appeal may only be made on the ground that the decision of the council is not in the public interest in that –*
 - (a) the community may suffer undue hardship due to the loss of access to, and the use of, the public land; or*
 - (b) there is no similar facility available to the users of that facility.*
- (4) The Appeal Tribunal is to hear and determine an appeal in accordance with the [Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993](#).*

- (5) *The decision of the Appeal Tribunal on hearing an appeal is final and [section 25 of the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal Act 1993](#) does not apply.*

178B. Determination of appeal

In hearing an appeal against a decision of a council, the Appeal Tribunal may –

- (a) confirm that decision; or*
- (b) set aside that decision; or*
- (c) set aside that decision and –*
 - (i) substitute another decision; or*
 - (ii) remit the matter to the council for reconsideration.*

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
Our Priorities
4.1.2 Encourage community providers to be welcoming, supportive and inclusive, and to provide for all ages, abilities and cultures.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Disposal of this asset to an interested party will secure its future for the community and also improve Council’s asset management position by removing an asset from its books.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report. However, the public process will provide an opportunity for community comment.

CONCLUSION

This report addresses the statutory matters required to initiate an EOI.

9.6 COMMUNITY ACTIVATION GRANTS ROUND ONE

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Manager Community Activation
Responsible Manager: Director Community Services
Report Date: 3 September 2025
File Reference: 001
Enclosures: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council allocates funding to the following organisations under Round One of its 2025-2026 Community Activation Grants program.

Organisation	Project	Amount Recommended for Approval
Business Northwest	Marketing	\$ 2,000.00
Lions Club	Christmas Parade	\$ 2,000.00
Live Well	New heat pump	\$ 1,999.00
Mr Perfect	BBQ food, equipment, and marketing	\$ 2,000.00
Northwest Board Riders Club	Surfing clinics	\$ 2,000.00
Samurai Ju Jitsu	Seminar	\$ 1,800.00
Seabrook Golf Club	"One Club Golf" Program and equipment	\$ 1,950.00
Somerset Basketball (SABA)	New fridge	\$ 2,000.00
Somerset Football Club	Line marking machine	\$ 2,000.00
Somerset Indoor Bias Bowls	New heaters (replacement)	\$ 1,440.00
Somerset Primary School	Girls in STEM - build an electric car	\$ 2,000.00
THEIRS	Blue Tree Project	\$ 2,000.00
Waratah axemen's Association	Waratah woodchopping carnival	\$ 2,000.00
Waratah Health and Wellbeing Group	Health and wellness event	\$ 1,349.00
Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society	Wynyard Show marquee hire	\$ 2,000.00
Wynyard Community Men's Shed	Starlink internet	\$ 1,668.00
Wynyard Football Club	Electronic scoreboard	\$ 2,000.00

Organisation	Project	Amount Recommended for Approval
Wynyard Historical Society	Computer and scanner	\$ 1,440.00
Wynyard New Life Church	Carols Performance	\$ 2,000.00
Wynyard RSL	Lighting the Mosaics	\$ 1,986.07
Wynyard Somerset Tennis Club	Wind breaks, scoreboards and tennis balls	\$ 1,750.00
Yolla Football Club	Kitchen flooring	\$ 2,000.00
Total		\$39 382.07

- 2. That Council note, if all the projects recommended for Council consideration in Round 1 is approved, and that as the annual budget is fully expended during Round 1, there will not be a Round 2 during the 2025/26 financial year.**

PURPOSE

This report has been prepared to assist Council to determine allocation of grant funding to community organisations under Round One of the 2025-2026 Community Activation Grants program.

BACKGROUND

Waratah-Wynyard Council has committed funding for the provision of a Community Activation grants program that supports community initiatives that encourage and enhance social and cultural wellbeing, recreation and that foster economic development and education pursuits.

Grants are offered to assist in the provision of community projects and activities, support individuals selected to compete at a national or international level and to sponsor local events that provide economic and social benefit for the community. There are two funding rounds each financial year. Community groups, organisations and individuals who meet the guidelines are eligible to receive grant funding once per financial year. Typically, these grants are as follows:

Round	Open	Close	Assessed	Announced at Council Meeting
Round 1	1 July	26 August	September	October
Round 2	1 November	31 December	January	February

DETAILS

Promotion of the Community Activation Grants is undertaken through advising local community groups, organisations and event organisers. Application forms, guidelines and

an acquittal form are available on Council’s website. Posts are made on Council’s social media sites regarding the opening and closing dates of the Community Activation Grant rounds. Council Officers notify community clubs and organisations of the grants through emails and conversations.

Each applicant needs to provide details of the organisation’s eligibility to receive a grant. In addition, the applications are assessed against the assessment criteria outlined in the grant information.

Assessment Criteria

How each project

- offers benefit to the Waratah-Wynyard community.
- encourages or enhances social and cultural wellbeing.
- fosters economic development and/or educational pursuits.
- would acknowledge Waratah-Wynyard Council for support.

Project Details

The applications are reviewed and assessed by the Council Grants Committee made up of Councilors Raw and Courtney and Council officers.

In Round One, Council received 22 eligible Community Activation Grant applications with funding requests totaling \$39 382.07.

Round One of the Community Activation Grants is oversubscribed, with the highest number of applications that meet the criteria ever received.

Recommended successful submissions are as follows:

Organisation	Project	Details
Business Northwest	Marketing	Marketing Permission to Trespass
Lions Club	Christmas Parade	Support for the town Christmas Parade
Live Well	New Heat pump	Install the highest energy-efficient system available to support the reduction of greenhouse gases
Mr Perfect	BBQ food, equipment, marketing	Free monthly community BBQ aimed at men
North West Board Riders Club	Surfing clinics for Spring Loaded	Beginners surfing clinic, beach games and introduction to surf lifesaving
Samurai Ju Jitsu	Seminar	Instructors' education to pass on to the community
Seabrook Golf Club	"One Club Golf" Program & equipment	Purchase of golf clubs to be utilised by beginner and new golfers
Somerset Basketball (SABA)	New fridge	Second fridge to meet the needs of facility users
Somerset Football Club	Line marking machine	Replace old equipment that is no longer fit for purpose
Somerset Indoor Bias Bowls	New heaters (replacement)	Replacement of existing equipment that is old and no longer fit for purpose

Organisation	Project	Details
Somerset Primary School	Girls in STEM - build electric car	Show young girls that it's possible for girls to build, design and race cars and encourage them to pursue STEM related futures
THEIRS	Blue Tree Project	Bring people together, encourage connection, and help build a culture where it's okay to ask for help
Waratah Axemans Association	Waratah Woodchopping Carnival	Hire of seats
Waratah Health and Wellbeing Group	Health and Wellness Event	Band and accommodation for a town music event
Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society	Wynyard Show Marquee Hire Fee	Hire of two marquees and a portable toilet for the Wynyard Show
Wynyard Community Men's Shed	Starlink internet	Enable streaming of instructional "how to" videos and support monitored security systems
Wynyard Football Club	Electronic scoreboard	Contribution towards the purchase of a new, fit for purpose, scoreboard
Wynyard Historical Society	Computer and scanner	To support the gathering, recording, collating, and safely storing of historical records
Wynyard New Life Church	Carols Performance	Support for community Christmas carols
Wynyard RSL	Lighting upgrades	Add lighting to illuminate the large photo mosaics outside the RSL
Wynyard Somerset Tennis Club	Equipment purchase	Wind breaks, scoreboards, and tennis balls
Yolla Football Club	Kitchen flooring	Replace old flooring that is no longer safe or fit for purpose

All organisations awarded a grant are required to produce evidence of expenditure, such as quotations or invoices for payment, prior to the funds being disbursed.

All organisations that receive a grant, must complete a grant acquittal (a template is available on Council's website) at the end of the project, detailing how the funds were spent and outlining the outcomes of the project.

A recommendation has been made to fund all of the applicants that met the criteria in Round One (as depicted above) and **not to offer a grant round in Round Two.**

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

The *Local Government Act 1993* states:

Grants and benefits

- 77. (1)** A council may make a grant or provide a benefit that is not a legal entitlement to any person, other than a Councillor, for any purpose it considers appropriate.
- (2)** The details of any grant made, or benefit provided are to be included in the annual report of the council.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.2 We listen and engage with our community in decision making.
Our Priorities
3.3.2 Facilitate activities and events that promote inclusion, health, safety and a sense of place.

GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing
Desired Outcomes
4.2 Our community values, encourages and supports physical, social and cultural activities.
Our Priorities
4.1.1 Collaborate with community organisations that provide recreation opportunities to our community.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Tourism	Memorable visitor experiences all year round – The must see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining good health and wellbeing – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Education	Lifelong learning and education – Education and lifelong learning is valued and there is access to vocational training and tertiary education. Education retention rates have increased.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Council has an annual allocation of \$40,000 in the approved budget for Community Activation Grants. Round One has \$39 382.07 worth of grants recommended to be awarded, with a recommendation not to offer a grant round for Round Two.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their community activation grant and be provided with feedback on their application upon request.




An announcement to be made via the Council website that due to the number of qualifying applications received in round one there will only be one funding round offered this year.

Retrospective requests for support will not be considered.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approves Community Activation Grants for the organisations identified in Round One of the 2025–2026 program and does not offer a second grant round this financial year.

9.7 FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - REFORMS TO COUNCILLOR NUMBERS AND ALLOWANCES

To:	Council
Reporting Officer:	Executive Officer
Responsible Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Report Date:	15 September 2025
File Reference:	LG Reform
Enclosures:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Letter from the Minister for Local Government to Waratah Wynyard Council Mayor Mary Duniam 2. Discussion paper - Reforms to Councillor Numbers and Allowances 3. WWC Response to Consultation on Councillor Numbers and Allowances 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the draft submission in response to the Discussion Paper on the Review of Councillor Numbers and Allowances.

PURPOSE

To approve Council's submission in response to the Discussion Paper on the Review of Councillor Numbers and Allowances (the Discussion Paper) which forms part of the State Government's response to the Future of Local Government Review.

BACKGROUND

The Tasmanian Government is proposing reforms to councillor numbers and allowances. It has indicated that these reforms are designed to improve fairness, efficiency and sustainability in local government.

DETAILS

The government has suggested that reform is needed due to:

1. **Overrepresentation:** Tasmania has the 2nd highest councillor-to-population ratio in Australia, leading to inefficiencies and, at times, undemocratic outcomes (e.g., councillors elected with very few votes).
2. **Inconsistent Representation:** Past ad-hoc reviews have created inequities, with similar councils having different numbers of councillors.
3. **Low Remuneration:** Current allowances do not reflect the increasing complexity of the role, discouraging diverse and skilled candidates. There has been minimal change since 2004 apart from indexation
4. **Outdated Allowance System:** The current formula (based on voters and revenue) is flawed, volatile, and doesn't reflect actual council responsibilities or population served.

It has proposed a new framework with a scoring system based on:

- Population
- Development activity
- Infrastructure value
- Urbanisation
- Road network size

Key Reform Proposals

Area	Proposed Change
Councillor Numbers	Reduce total councillors from 263 to 203 across 29 councils. Councils will be assigned 9, 7, or 5 councillors based on a scoring system. Wynyard would go to 7 Councillors from the current 8.
Allowances	Increase councillor allowances by an average of 14.25%, funded by savings from fewer councillors. Six allowance bands will be introduced, aligned with Council responsibilities.
Scoring Framework	Councillor numbers and allowances will be determined using metrics including population, infrastructure value, development activity, urbanisation, and road network size.
Review Cycle	Introduce regular four-yearly reviews to ensure ongoing fairness and responsiveness to community needs.
Implementation	Legislative amendments to be made before the October 2026 elections.

Council’s draft submission is attached for Council’s consideration.

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.6 We are recognised for proactive and engaged leadership.
Our Priorities
13.1 Facilitate the meeting of community needs through strong advocacy and local and regional collaboration for shared outcomes.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Governance and working together	Working together for Murchison – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

This Discussion Paper was reviewed by Councillors at a Council Workshop.

CONCLUSION

Subject to any final comments at this meeting Council's draft response will be finalised and submitted.

9.8 COMMUNITY AND ENGAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Manager Community Activation
Responsible Manager: Director Community Services
Report Date: 15 September 2025
File Reference: 001
Enclosures: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Quarterly Information Report for the Community and Engagement Directorate

PURPOSE

To provide statistical information and a quarterly update on the activities of the Community and Engagement Directorate. This report covers the following areas:

- Community Activation
- Tourism & Corporate Communications
- Wonders of Wynyard
- Warawyn Early Learning

BACKGROUND

The quarterly report is to provide an overview of statistical information on the activities of Council for each Directorate.

Following a review of organisational reporting to ensure consistent and improved information sharing to Council, a quarterly information report is provided for each Directorate with a snapshot of activities undertaken.

DETAILS

COMMUNITY ACTIVATION

RECREATION

The Recreation team continues to progress key initiatives. A second stakeholder meeting for the Stadium component of the SoSP project has been held, with architects in attendance and feedback now being collated to inform the next design phase. The Langley Park component is preparing to enter the tender process, with works scheduled to commence early in the new year.

The online booking system has advanced significantly and is expected to go live in the coming weeks, improving accessibility and streamlining facility use. Meanwhile, the Try Skills program launched in the first week of October, offering students a choice of 15 activities. Final preparations and documentation are currently being completed.

PUBLIC ART

Sensory Garden Update

Work on the Sensory Garden (located at the Wynyard Foreshore) continues to progress, with planning and inclusions that are both innovative and community-driven.

This project was born from a shared desire for best-practice design, which has been led by a community that voiced its needs and supported thoughtful, inclusive spaces, and a Council willing to listen and respond.

As part of this initiative, a public art opportunity has been launched, inviting Tasmanian mural artists to create a welcoming and calming artwork for the Wynyard Foreshore amenities block.

This creative addition will enhance the sensory experience and further reflect Council's commitment to wellbeing, accessibility, and meaningful community connection.

EVENTS

Waratah-Wynyard Council hosted local theatre group, Squid Inc, to present a play as part of the *Permission to Trespass* campaign, providing logistical assistance, promotional support, and event facilitation to help bring the initiative to life.

The production was staged inside the Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers, which was a deliberate and symbolic choice that aligned with the campaign's theme of opening up typically inaccessible spaces to the public.

This collaboration reflects Council's ongoing commitment to fostering inclusive, creative spaces that encourage community connection and engagement, and aligns strongly with our strategic goals for cultural activation and wellbeing.

Gather & Glow – July 4th

The third *Gather & Glow*, held in conjunction with the Wynyard Foreshore Market, successfully replaced the traditional beach bonfire with a vibrant winter street market along Goldie Street.

Delivered as part of the *Permission to Trespass* campaign, the event aimed to foster connection and reduce social isolation across the North West region during the colder months.

This year's activation featured 14 food vendors, 11 stallholders, and participation from 20 local businesses along Goldie Street, representing approximately 60% engagement.

Entertainment highlights included a youth circus showcase by Slipstream Circus, performances by Dudley Billing and Amy Pegg, and a standout free performance by Claire Anne Taylor at Black Cat Records — a venue many locals discovered for the first time.

Attendance reached approximately 2,500 people; a tenfold increase compared to last year's foreshore event. Feedback from participating businesses was overwhelmingly positive, with one reporting a 780% increase in sales during the two-hour event. Beyond economic impact, the event significantly boosted visibility and community engagement for local traders.



RUOK?

On September 10th, Community Activation hosted an afternoon tea in the Council Chambers to mark RUOK? Day, welcoming both staff and members of the public.

The event was hosted by Cr Gary Bramich, who shared his personal experiences, alongside guest speakers from Live Well Tasmania. Coordinator Robin Krabbe spoke about the importance of mental wellbeing and the services offered by Live Well, while program participants Stephen Shadforth, Wenna Cooper, and Zoe Poutoukalis shared their lived experiences.

RUOK? Ambassador and North West Mr Perfect BBQ coordinator, Greg Smith, also addressed the gathering, sharing the story and evolving meaning of R U OK? Day, and reinforcing the importance of regular check-ins and community support around mental health.

For Waratah-Wynyard Council, RUOK? Day is not just a symbolic event as it serves as a public expression of our everyday commitment to fostering safe, inclusive spaces for conversation and connection, in alignment with our Health and Wellbeing Plan.



Tulip Festival Planning

Planning for the 2025 Wynyard Tulip Festival is well underway, with this year's event promising to be one of the most vibrant and inclusive celebrations yet.

Now in its 33rd year, the Festival will feature Guest Ambassadors Josh "Pezza" Perry, MasterChef Australia 2024 Runner-Up, and Hannah Moloney, host of ABC's *Gardening Australia*, who will lead workshops and presentations in the Eco Tent.

The much-loved Tulip Toss returns, alongside a full day of live music, thrill rides, food and market stalls, and a fireworks finale.

Enhancements to accessibility include increased free parking, shuttle buses to the Tulip Farm, and a dedicated parent and baby area. With free entry and a strong focus on culture, sustainability, and community connection, the Festival continues to flourish as the centrepiece of Council's *Spring Loaded* program, celebrating the bold beauty of Table Cape and the creative spirit of Waratah-Wynyard.

Spring Loaded

The 2025 *Spring Loaded* program is now under way, with thousands of copies of the program distributed across the Waratah-Wynyard community and the full program available online.

Featuring over 200 activities, including dedicated offerings for Seniors Week and the school holidays, the program reflects the diversity, creativity, and vibrancy of the region.

Many events are free or low-cost, ensuring accessibility for all.

Spring Loaded continues to unite the community, showcase local talent and places, and celebrate the cultural and environmental richness of Waratah-Wynyard.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

New Health and Wellbeing Plan

Council has taken a proactive and evidence-based approach to supporting the health and wellbeing of its community by engaging The Social Planners to undertake comprehensive research and community consultation.

This work informed the development of Council's first Health and Wellbeing Plan, which is a strategic document that reflects local priorities, identifies key challenges and opportunities, and sets a clear direction for action.

The Plan was formally adopted by Council this quarter and reinforces Council's commitment to creating a thriving, connected, and resilient community, and provides a strong foundation for ongoing collaboration across sectors to improve health outcomes for all residents.

Frederick Street Reserve Master Plan

The revised Frederick Street Reserve Master Plan received an exceptional level of community engagement, with an overwhelming volume of feedback submitted through Council's *Have Your Say* platform.

This outstanding response is a direct reflection of the strong, trust-based relationships built over time between the Community Activation team and the local community.

The updated concept, which was initially shaped by the Frederick Street Working Group and informed by broad community input has demonstrated the value of genuine collaboration

and shared ownership in shaping public spaces. It reinforces Council's commitment to inclusive, transparent planning and to creating places that reflect the needs, aspirations, and voices of the people who use them.

The revised plan was adopted by Council in September and will be used to guide long term Council decision making seeking resources to deliver the plan.

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

World Friendship Day

To mark World Friendship Day, Waratah-Wynyard Youth Leaders (WWYL) hosted a vibrant, family-friendly afternoon at the CBD Plaza, celebrating connection, creativity, and community.

The event featured free craft activities and a sausage sizzle, and was well attended by local families, Tas Police, and students from nearby Saint Brigid's School.

It was particularly heartening to see children engaging positively in the heart of town, fostering visibility and a sense of belonging.

This initiative reflects Council's commitment to youth empowerment and social wellbeing, providing young leaders with meaningful opportunities to lead and connect.

Sisters Beach Playground Renewal

The renewal of the Sisters Beach Playground is now complete, delivering a thoughtfully designed, nature-inspired space that includes accessible play equipment, a flying fox, exercise stations, and more.

The success of this project was underpinned by the early and genuine community consultation led by the Community Activation team, whose willingness to listen to local residents ensured the final design reflected community needs and aspirations.

The result is a well-loved, inclusive space that blends seamlessly with the natural environment, along with space for everyone to exercise, and has been warmly received by the community.

Dementia Awareness

As part of Dementia Action Week, Waratah-Wynyard Council hosted a unique and deeply informative event at the Wynyard Yacht Club, offering a powerful Virtual Reality Experience that allowed participants to step into the shoes of someone living with dementia.

This first-time initiative was complemented by a Dementia Awareness Expo featuring historic photo displays, vinyl music, refreshments, and information stalls.

The event was well received by the community, generating interest and meaningful conversations. It reflects Council's commitment to fostering empathy, awareness, and inclusion. Community Activation look forward to offering similar experiences regularly, recognising their importance to both individuals and the broader community.

RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

As part of Council's ongoing commitment to reconciliation, the Community Activation team has progressed two key actions under our Reconciliation Action Plan.

The organisational membership with Reconciliation Tasmania has been successfully processed, formally connecting Council with the state’s leading body for reconciliation and providing access to valuable resources, networks, and cultural learning opportunities.

In addition, Council has developed a robust Terms of Reference for the Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group, establishing a clear framework for its purpose, scope, membership, and responsibilities.

These foundational steps ensure Council’s reconciliation efforts are guided by integrity, inclusivity, and meaningful engagement with Tasmania’s First Nations communities.

Wynyard High School Kinship Walk

Council proudly supported the Wynyard High School Kinship Walk by hosting a morning tea for student leaders and staff, fostering connection and cultural awareness. The event featured guest speaker Camilla Wooley from CHAC and brought together 66 student leaders from Wynyard High, Table Cape Primary, and Boat Harbour Primary, alongside WWC staff and a councillor. Following the morning tea, participants joined the broader school community for a meaningful NAIDOC Week ceremony.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Between July and September 2025, Community Activation has accepted and processed the following requests for community support:

Q3 Community Support Requests			
Community Group	Event	Provisions	In-Kind Value
Wynyard RSL	Trivia Night	Misc (Pie Warmer)	\$100.00
Wynyard Mah Jong	Numbers Boost	Photocopying (A4)	\$30.00
Wynyard Camera Club	Adult Learning Festival	Photocopying (A4) Photocopying (A3) Laminating (A3)	\$80.00
General Community Use	Barn Dance	PA System	\$200.00
Waratah Community Board	Community Newsletter	Photocopying (A4)	\$72.00
Total			\$482.00

USE OF FACILITY REQUESTS

35 casual bookings this quarter; 6 events, 10 birthday parties, 10 workshops, 6 school-related activities, 1 wedding ceremony.

SOCIAL RECOVERY

Council continues to strengthen local emergency preparedness and recovery through active engagement across the region. On 30 July, the NW NGO Engagement Workshop provided a valuable networking opportunity for Council staff to connect with key recovery partners and better understand available support services.

This was followed by the NW Social Recovery Committee meeting on 7 August, where feedback from the workshop was shared and the new Tasmanian Evacuation Framework 2025 was discussed.

Throughout August, Council participated in several strategic forums including the NW Regional Emergency Management Committee (13 August), which addressed upcoming weather risks, storm warning systems, biosecurity threats such as Mop Top Potato Virus and avian flu, and the Lake Rosebery oil spill response. On the same day, the NW Emergency Management Group met to share best practice documentation.

On 14 August, Council attended a flood mitigation desktop exercise led by the SES Flood Policy Unit, focused on validating plans for Arthur River Catchment, Smithton, and the Far Northwest.

Internal Emergency Management Group meetings were also held monthly to assess organisational needs and ensure readiness.

WARAWYN EARLY YEARS

NAIDOC WEEK

National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC Week) is an annual celebration held in the first week of July. It services as an opportunity for all Australians to engage with and learn about the rich cultures and histories of the First Nations peoples. The week 6th – 13th July is marked by various activities and events that promote understanding and respect for Indigenous cultures.

Our service took part in the **Sea of Fish Challenge**, a national initiative by Connecting the Dots through Culture to celebrate **NAIDOC Week**.

This initiative builds on the ongoing learning already happening at our service, including extending our knowledge of the **Torres Strait Islander song "Taba Naba"**, our focus on **caring for country** and hands-on experiences such as **weaving with materials**. It's a meaningful way to continue connecting with Indigenous perspectives, in particular Torres Strait Islanders, culture, and ways of being.





Grand Opening

Much-needed improvements to the outdoor play environment at Wynyard After School Care, located at the Community Centre, were recently identified. Through conversations with children, families, and staff, a clear need emerged to create a large, grassed area to support active physical play, along with an elevated asphalt area for quieter activities and outdoor mealtimes.



The renovation temporarily limited access to the main outdoor play space for four months, during which children enjoyed the oak tree grassed area as an alternative. With the works now complete, the children were thrilled to hold a grand opening event to thank the council workers and celebrate their beautiful new play space.

Pathway Upgrade



We were fortunate in December 2024 to secure a grant from the Education and Care Unit to replace the existing cement pathways in the childcare centre's outdoor play space. The old pathways had become uneven and posed a potential trip and injury risk.

Although the renovation work temporarily limited access to the yard, the children enthusiastically observed the progress and incorporated it into their dramatic play, pretending to be construction workers. The completed works have greatly improved safety and enhanced the overall aesthetics of the outdoor play space for everyone to enjoy.

Warawyn Early Learning Statistics

July	August	September
47.8 average	53.95 average	54.96 average

Warawyn – Wynyard OSHC

July	August	September
35.3 average	41.3 average	52.88 average

Warawyn – Boat Harbour OSHC

July	August	September
16.3 average	16.2 average	15.96 average

TOURISM & CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Communications & Tourism Highlights, July to September 2025

In collaboration with Circular Head Council and Circular Head Tourism Association, Council continues to work with public relations agency *Impressions Marketing* and Tourism Tasmania to host visiting journalists and travel writers to our area.

In the past quarter the following PR activity has had a strong return on investment with destination stories and photos featuring in national publications and digital media. The advertising value of this media coverage exceeds the short-term contract cost, particularly having an alliance with Circular Head Council which has shared equal cost and benefit:



- Time Out Australia – Wynyard Tulip Festival

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- Qantas Magazine – featured restaurant reference, Kauri Bistro (Smithton)
 - RACT Journeys Winter – Corinna Wilderness Village and Tarkine
 - Eat Drink and Be Kerry, digital media influencer – road trip in the area including Boat Harbour, Sisters Beach, Rocky Cape and Circular Head
 - RACQ Magazine – as above, same writer
 - Outback Magazine – visiting the Tarkine region

Other pieces in the pipeline:

- Tas Weekends – several local stays, including The Post Office, Waratah, Sol @ Sisters and Top Paddock Yurt.
- Escape Travel – 6-day itinerary in the area, plus feature article on Bowral versus Wynyard Tulip viewing experiences.
- Explore Travel – 4-day itinerary in the area
- NZ Herald - 6-day itinerary in the area (same writer as Escape)

The media continue to be interested in what's new in north west Tasmania. Themes such as sustainability, wellness attractions and activities that allow visitors to 'switch off' in our wilderness areas continue to appeal. Authentic community experiences are also becoming popular – being able to immerse yourself in local culture, such as Aboriginal storytelling, community events and whatever the locals are doing, making, or growing. Our area has a lot to offer visitors, and Council has encouraged tourism operators to be part of the program and assist by providing high quality images, hosting journalists and maintain relations with our Visitor Information Centre to help with the development of stories that benefit the broader destination and tourism industry.

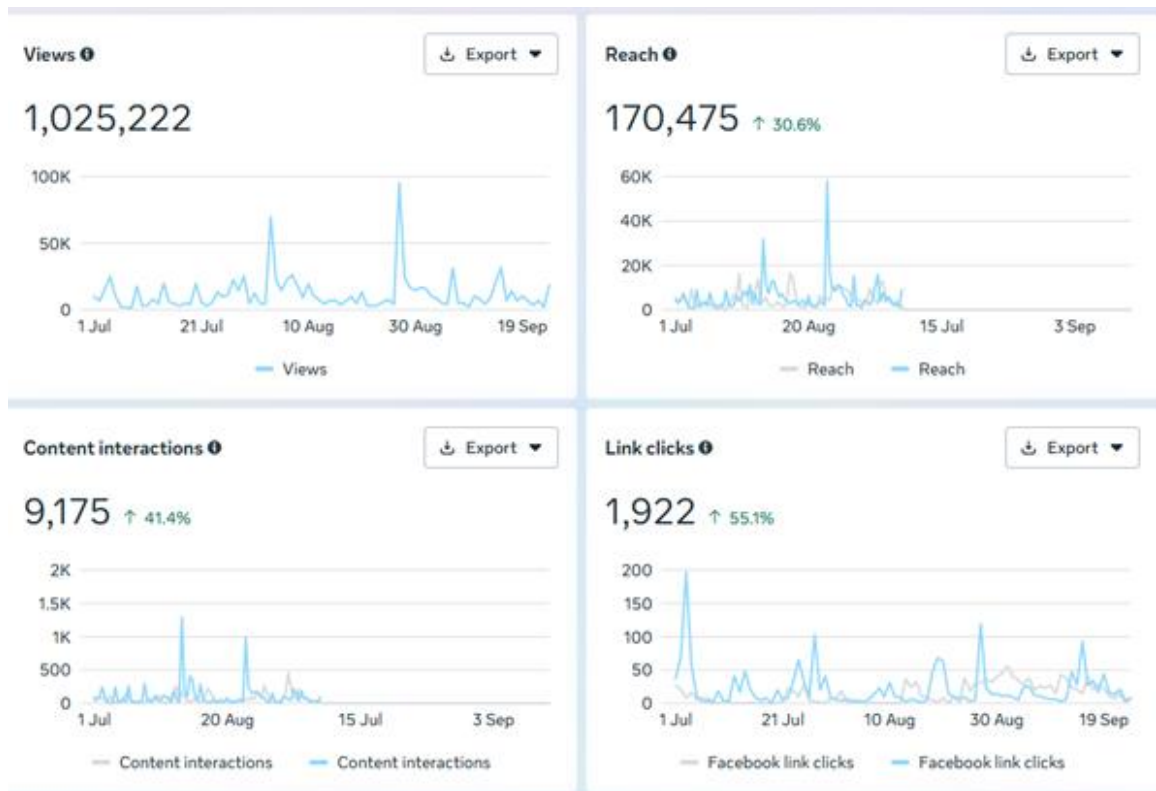
Wonders of Wynyard Exhibition & Visitor Information Centre continues to report strong visitor income, with record sales in the last quarter. Visitor numbers have remained steady, with an increase of 12% for July and slight dip for the months of August and September.

A visual upgrade has begun at the Centre, with new wall decals showcasing the spectacular countryside and coastline of the municipality, making a statement on arrival. The decorative upgrades to the entry of the Car Museum, Gift Shop and building entry have given the space a lift for the upcoming season that aligns with the website upgrade. External wall panels will be installed in the coming months that will see this visual upgrade project complete. The centre continues to diversify in the gift shop with new products supporting local producers and makers and the exhibition space providing a popular space for locals and visitors alike.



The Wynyard Tulip Festival has a new website dedicated to the event in 2025, that will be updated to support event promotion each year. Marketing and promotion across multimedia will drive visitation to this website, where key event details are available. This includes information around parking, accessibility, main stage program, stallholders, and details about event ambassadors and major sponsors. The website will allow Council to capture visitor data and make data informed decisions for future marketing and event communications.

On social media, this quarter Waratah-Wynyard Council hit a record high with over 1 million views and over 170,000 unique accounts reached on Facebook. This refers to people viewing Council videos, reels or posts. Reels being the most popular content.



In the graphs above, the green arrows compare this year’s data against the same period last year with twice as many link clicks which shows engagement.

This data is a great way to measure the success of strategies the Communications & Tourism team use to optimise our brand’s digital presence and set benchmarks for what we can expect when using digital media for Council communications.

Other digital media that Council is using to communicate to community, and niche audiences includes Instagram, You Tube and Linked In. Overall, the trends are showing higher digital engagement across all channels.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.3 Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.
Our Priorities
3.5.1 Build community capacity through services and programs that strengthen, support and care for our community.

GOAL 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing
Desired Outcomes
4.2 Our community values, encourages and supports physical, social and cultural activities.
Our Priorities

4.2.1 Focus on the value of recreation in promoting the health and wellbeing of our community.
GOAL 3: Connected Communities
Desired Outcomes
3.5 Our community uses its voice to shape its future alongside a strong Council willing to listen and implement where reasonable and practical.
Our Priorities
3.2.1 Deliver engagement strategies that adapt to community needs to ensure effective communication and collaboration.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Business & Industry	Specialised diversity of the economy – Value adding, diversification, innovation and employment. A resilient economy with global brand recognition and growing exports.
Tourism	Memorable visitor experiences all year round – The must see destination, quality product, easy access, popular events and festivals with coordinated marketing. A longer season with increasing yields.
Strong communities and social capital	Enduring community capital – Growing, proud, self-reliant communities that are inclusive and engaged with volunteers and shared facilities.
Health and Wellbeing	Maintaining good health and wellbeing – Healthy communities, people taking responsibility for their wellness, convenient access to medical services and facilities.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

The Community and Engagement Directorate delivers a diverse portfolio of high-impact services that directly shape the health, wellbeing, and vibrancy of the Waratah-Wynyard region.

Through strategic leadership across childcare, tourism, communications, and community activation, the team continues to drive meaningful outcomes that strengthen community connection and resilience.

This report provides a snapshot of key initiatives and achievements.

It is recommended that Council notes the report and acknowledge the department's ongoing contribution to delivering values-aligned, community-focused outcomes.

9.9 DIGITAL RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS POLICY

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Governance Officer
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer
Report Date: 8 October 2025
File Reference: GOV.017
Enclosures: 1. Digital Recording of Council Meetings Policy 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the reviewed Digital Recording of Council Meetings Policy.

PURPOSE

Council's existing Digital Recording of Council Meetings Policy has been reviewed in line with changes to the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 and is presented to Council for consideration.

The purpose of this policy is to set out Council's approach to Digital Recording of Council Meetings which includes video recording and live streaming of council meetings.

BACKGROUND

Council initially trialled live streaming of Council meetings in 2019 to further improve the level of transparency and therefore public confidence in the integrity of Council. The live streaming provides an alternative for those wishing to view the meeting rather than having to be on site in the Chambers.

This policy allows council to digitally record meetings of Council to assist in the preparation of minutes and ensure a true and accurate account of debate and discussion at meetings is available.

The policy was last reviewed in August 2023.

DETAILS

Live streaming has increased the community's access to meetings and connection with council decision-making processes. It enables access to meetings by people in the community that may not otherwise be able to physically attend.

The changes to the existing policy reflect new legislative requirements to record all open and closed meetings.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.2 Strengthen our communication with the community using diverse communications channels relevant to the demographic.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The GOV.017 Digital Recording of Council Meeting Policy is an existing policy which reflects current practices.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The policy review has been undertaken with Senior Leadership Team consultation.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council adopts the reviewed Digital Recording of Council Meetings Policy as presented.

9.10 AWARD OF CONTRACT 843 - INGLIS RIVER WALKING TRACK UPGRADE (PROJECT 5)

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Project Engineer - Waste and Sustainability
Responsible Manager: Director Infrastructure and Development Services
Report Date: 9 October 2025
File Reference: 1
Enclosures: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council awards Contract #843 – Project 5 (Golf Links Rd) of the Inglis River Walking Track Upgrade, to AJR Construct Pty Ltd

PURPOSE

To determine Council's position in relation to a call for tenders for the realignment and upgrade of a section of the Inglis River Walking Track adjacent Golf Links Road, Wynyard.

BACKGROUND

In 2023 Council commissioned an Options Study to examine Inglis River Walking Track improvement options to address river flood, erosion risk and impacts on bridge and boardwalk structures.

Study recommendations included for sections of the track to be re-aligned to higher ground to mitigate flood damage and reconstruction cost, improve accessibility for users, replace structures at or near the end of their service life and to minimise the impact on sensitive and threatened species.

This project at Golf Links Road, along with the Esplanade to Cemetery section, are the two track upgrades for completion this financial year.

Council is partnered with Wynyard Landcare to progress the revegetation component of the projects which is largely complete for Project 2. At Project 5, substantive weed treatment is complete, with revegetation plantings to occur in the winter of 2026/27.

DETAILS

Project 5 comprises a realignment of approximately 150 m of existing walking track from the low lying tidal, flood prone and threatened Paperbark vegetation zone to higher ground adjacent Golf Links Road. The proposed 2.0 m wide track substantially improves accessibility by removing a stair element and includes the removal of two bridge structures that are near the end of their service life and resurfacing of the carpark.

The project includes two sections of Design and Construct element, being an 18m span pedestrian bridge and boardwalk structures. Tenderers were required to submit their concept design and construction methodologies for the Design and Construct elements.

If resolved by Council, following award of the Contract the successful Contractor is required to complete the design and documentation suitable for a Certificate of Compliance and a Crown Works Authority Permit.

Council has progressed the approval process with the Crown to near final and anticipates issue of a Works Approval Authority prior to Christmas. Construction work is expected to start in the third week of January 2026 and be complete by end of March 2026.

Two Tenderers' Briefings were held on 22nd and 29th August 2025, and six (6) Contractors attended, showing a good level of interest during the tender period via Tenderlink.

Tenders closed on the 2 October 2024 and only one (1) Tender was received, from AJR Construct Pty Ltd (AJR).

Officers reviewed the AJR tender for its compliance with Tender submission requirements.

In terms of alignment with the Tender Selection Criteria weightings, the tender demonstrated the following:

- a sound project understanding and fully complete high-quality submission
- an experienced construction company with appropriate resources and financial viability, supported by a very detailed Construction Program
- capable and experienced project management team, site personnel and design consultant. AJR proposes a 2.0 m wide x 18 m span aluminium framed, FRP deck bridge structure
- Of note in recent years, AJR has completed several pedestrian bridges of similar design and construction approach to that proposed for Project 5 including, the Sisters Beach Bridge, the Enchanted Walk bridge – Cradle Mountain, Sawdust Bridge over the Don River, Bridge over the Meander River at Deloraine and boardwalk structures on the Coastal Pathway at Leith, St Helens Trail Network and Parks and Wildlife Tasmania tracks at several locations.
- AJR has well resolved and robust Quality Management Systems and have allowed an appropriate budget for risk and traffic management.
- their experience of working in sensitive environments is well demonstrated via their works for the above projects over and adjacent waterways for local Councils and for track and structure work for Parks and Wildlife.
- The AJR Lump Sum Tender of \$532,249.59 which includes a \$50,000 Contingency Sum (excluding GST) and aligns with Council's budget allocation, discussed further in Financial Implications below.

As AJR are the only tender it is prudent to assess if their submission represents fair value for Council. The following information was considered and assessed:

- The Golf Links Road bridge can be craned into place as a single unit. The AJR Schedule of Prices for the bridge and abutments was compared with recent similar tenders and found to be on par with similar recent tests of the market.
- Further, AJR has completed several wide-ranging projects for Council in recent years, notably a stairway at Hepples Road Boat Harbour, Light Towers and Cardigan Street Recreation Ground, Somerset and the Wynyard Foreshore Boardwalk.

On the basis of the above consideration and comparison, and AJR's past performance for Council and other clients, Officers believe the AJR submission for Project 5 represents appropriate and fair value.

Should Council resolve to approve the recommendation, Officers propose to award Contract 843 to AJR subject to an agreed, shared approach to optimise the final design and meet Council's design and performance objectives and to attain savings where possible.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

Council's statutory requirements for procurement under the *Local Government Act 1993* including the Procurement Policy were followed.

The proposed works are to be conducted in accordance the requirements of the Parks and Wildlife Service, Property Services Works approval and will include development and maintenance of an Environmental Construction Management Plan and compliance with *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975* and associated *Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania* requirements.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 6: Transport and Access
Desired Outcomes
6.2 Our transport and access network is sustainable, affordable and fit for purpose.
Our Priorities
6.2.2 Plan for all movements and modes of transport with a fit-for-purpose network.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Access and infrastructure	Local, regional and global transport and infrastructure access – Safe and efficient access alternatives, growing freight capacity, renewable energy, water management and contemporary communications. Community infrastructure that supports economic development.
Natural resource management	Managing abundant, natural and productive resources – Natural resource management is valued and development is environmentally sustainable. The environment is clean and healthy with unspoilt beauty and biodiversity.
Place making and liveability	Liveable places for all ages – Liveable attractive townships, relaxed lifestyles and community pride attract people to Murchison. Communities have history and character that drive their place-making strategies. Sport and recreation is widely supported especially by young people. Multi-purpose recreational and cultural facilities are well utilised.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Councils Asset Management Policy is relevant in this instance in that the asset planning has considered flooding and erosions hazards associated with climate change.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

As a result of this report, aside from ensuring the Contractor complies with the environmental management requirements under the contract, there are benefits to the riparian vegetation in having the walking track realigned out of this area.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total capital works budget allocated for this Project is \$786,992.

The allocation of those funds is assigned as follows (including YTD and committed expenditure):

• Riparian Restoration / Revegetation	-\$115,000
• Project 5 Project Mgt, Geotech, Inspections and Permits	-\$57,000
Total Balance Available Contract #843; Project 5 and outstanding Items	\$614,991

The AJR Tender Sum, with inclusion of a \$50,000 contingency, is **\$532,249.59**. This amount includes all allowances for the Design and Construct elements.

The budget allocation and anticipated expenditure results in an overall budget surplus of approximately \$82,000.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

The principal risks associated with this project are :

- Environmental Impact
The sensitive Crown Reserve riparian environment contains some threatened species identified in a targeted Flora and Fauna Survey completed and referred to the Crown as part of the approval process. The Crown has confirmed an impending Works Approval permit will require the Contractor to develop and maintain a Construction Environmental Management Plan overseen by Council to mitigate risk to the environment. The CEMP is a contractual requirement.
- Community and Organisational Safety
The construction is adjacent Golf Links Road and the existing walking track. The contract requires the Contractor to develop and maintain a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan. Risk to community safety will be managed by lowered speed limits and part or full road closures at times of high risk construction, such as craning in the pre-fabricated pedestrian bridge.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

Since late 2023, Council has maintained a project webpage for the Inglis River Walking Track Upgrade. Information associated with Project 5 and a plan of the walkway realignment was last updated in September 2025.

Wynyard Landcare has partnered with Council to design and assist with the re-vegetation including two Community Planting days which has helped raise the profile of the works in the community.

Council's website and social media pages will be updated as the project progresses.

During development of the Fossil Bluff & Surround trails masterplan, a desire raised by the community was to have an accessible walkway adjacent to Golf Links Road, linking to the Table Cape bridge. This project goes part way to achieving this aim.

CONCLUSION

The tender submitted by AJR for the construction of the Inglis River Walking Track Upgrade Project 5 – Golf Links Road, is within Council’s budget allocation, and is considered appropriate and fair value to Council.

It is recommended Council determine to award Contract 843 to AJR Construct Pty Ltd.

9.11 CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2025-26

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Director Financial Services
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer
Report Date: 20 October 2025
File Reference: Annual Plan and Budget - Adopted Budget/s
Enclosures: 1. Revised 2025-26 Estimated Financial Statements 
2. Revised 2025-26 Fees and Charges Schedule 
3. Revised 2025-26 Capital Expenditure Estimates 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Adopts the proposed capital works budget amendments (carry forwards) totalling \$424,695 as presented;**
2. **Adopts the proposed capital budget amendments totalling (\$1,862,558) as presented;**
3. **Adopts the Revised Estimated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026, replacing the statements adopted in the Annual Plan and Budget Estimates on 23 June 2025; and**
4. **Adopts the Revised 2025-26 Fees & Charges schedule**

PURPOSE

Revised Estimated Financial Statements and capital expenditure estimates for the year ending 30 June 2026 are provided to Council for consideration.

The adjustments will ensure Council's capital works priorities are reflected in the budget estimates for the year.

BACKGROUND

When Council adopted its Annual Plan and Budget Estimates on 23 June 2025, the estimated capital works expenditure for projects that are ongoing was not known with certainty.

Revised estimates have been prepared to recognise the actual expenditure for projects in progress as at 30 June and the impact of unspent funds on the new financial year.

The budget estimates also include assumptions in relation to final forecasts for balance sheet items (like receivables and payables). The revised estimated financial statements also allow an updated forecast as at 30 June 2026 based on final known balances of assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2025.

On adoption; the revised estimates will supersede those previously adopted as part of the Annual Plan and Budget adopted at the 23 June 2025 meeting.

DETAILS

This report is prepared annually following the end of the financial year for Council to consider and align its budget estimates with the expected completion of the capital work projects that were in progress as at 30 June.

The revised Estimated Financial Statements reflect updated cashflow estimates considering decisions made by Council since budget adoption (where applicable), changes to the expected timing of capital grants, and changes relating to the timing of completion of projects.

Any known material variances to the capital budget are also adjusted for to ensure that Council's Cash Flow estimates are accurate. Should no adjustments be made, Council's capital works priorities will not reflect Council's actual priorities for the year.

Capital Works Budget Amendments

Capital works budget amendments include budgets carried over for projects that are ongoing as at 30 June and a number of other budget amendments listed below.

The revised capital expenditure estimates result in a decrease in expenditure of \$1,437,863 throughout 2025-26. \$ 424,695 relates to the timing of project funding budgeted for the last financial year and unspent as at 30 June 2025 (discussed below). (\$1,862,558) relates to proposed budget amendments (discussed below).

Original budgeted capital works expenditure 2025-26	\$25,629,768
Add: Budgets Carried Forward for Works in Progress	\$424,695
Less: Other budget amendments	(\$1,862,558)
Revised budgeted capital works expenditure 2025-26	\$24,191,905

Carry Forward Budget Changes

The increase of \$ 424,695 to reflect changes in the carry forward budget relate purely to timing of project completion and the associated cash outflows. The original budget estimates included a total of \$3,853,679 of carry forward projects. This has now been revised to \$4,278,374 following the final 2024-25 figures. A total of 31 projects are ongoing. Projects have been delayed for a variety of reasons including longer permit and approval times, construction delays, attraction of contractors, long lead times for plant and equipment and material shortages.

Other Capital Budget Amendments

Other budget amendments include any adjustments or additional capital works projects which have been identified since budget adoption on the 23 June 2025. The following are recommended additions to the adopted capital budget:

Description	Amount	Note:
Digital Transformation Strategy - GPS Tracking	9,900	1
Tip/Crane Truck - Hino - D54FK	44,093	2
IGA Area - Intersection re Configuration & Carpark	43,627	3

Description	Amount	Note:
Waratah Caravan Park Amenities Upgrade: Detailed Design	18,077	4
Athenaeum Hall	128,509	5
Depot Upgrades	20,831	6
Wynyard Waste Transfer Station - Security Upgrade	4,370	7
Truck - Isuzu FVD 1000 with live bottomed tub - E15MI	29,473	8
Somerset Sports Precinct Master Plan	83,634	9
Wynyard Childcare Facility - Detailed Design	150,000	10
ANZAC Park Staged Development	392,806	11
Watershed Floor Repairs	33,100	12
Renewal of Heat Pumps, Waratah Facilities	17,000	14
Waste Transfer Station – Waste compactor upgrade	10,000	16
Tractor Loader - Kubota M7132PS-10 Premium	72,000	17
Tractor Loader - Case JZ 1080U - WARATAH - FM6012 (130hp Tractor Loader and Reach Mower)	62,000	18
Resheet Program Increase	120,000	19
1522-Seppi Flai Mower	-	20
Reseals Budget Reduction	(198,595)	21
2505-Kubota F3690 Front Deck Mower	(10,000)	22
Waratah Waste Transfer Station Relocation	(358,918)	23
Wynyard Council Offices - HVAC Renewal	(909,538)	24
New Childcare Centre (Construction)	(1,050,000)	25
Biodiversity Projects Council Reserves	(276,400)	26
Slasher - SUPERIOR LCT84 CASSYS (130hp tractor loader and reach mower)	9,850	27
Murdering Gully Road - Drainage Improvements	(12,840)	28
Saunders St Footpath Replacement	(30,697)	29
Mitsubishi Triton Twin Cab Utility (Oliver) K76AV	(5,564)	30
Mitsubishi Triton Space Cab Utility 4x4 Diesel - Mechanic	(1,524)	31
Holden Colorado Utility 4x4 Dual Cab (Depot) I32G	253	32
Vehicle Mounted Variable Message Board VMS	3,192	33
Forklift Replacement	(5,819)	34
Grader Blade 10' - 3 point linkage - FOR P2524	(8,000)	35
Water cart road and culvert cleaner - Rapid spray floodrite	(33,000)	36
Public Bin Upgrades	(80,916)	37
Bridge Replacement - Bridge St, Sisters Beach	(100,000)	38
Bass Hwy - Bells Pde Footpath	(46,012)	39
Childcare Footpath	12,551	40
Total	(\$1,862,558)	

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- Note 1 An additional budget allowance is recommended to complete the installation of priority one assets and commence roll out of priority two assets.
- Note 2 This item's budget has increased to reflect the total expenditure as a result of the tender processes.
- Note 3 This item is for the outstanding land acquisition from the Crown that is currently under negotiation.
- Note 4 An additional budget allowance is recommended to complete the detailed design for this project.
- Note 5 This item is to cover the further Heritage Tasmania approvals required due to the poor condition of the architraves and some delays associated with fabricating new window frames.
- Note 6 This project budget has been increased to reflect the total known forecast expenditure to completed upgrades at the Depot.
- Note 7 This item is recommended to complete the full scope of security upgrades at the Wynyard waste transfer station.
- Note 8 This item's budget has increased to reflect the total known expenditure as a result of the tender processes.
- Note 9 This project budget has increased to reflect the known forecast expenditure required for consultation and design.
- Note 10 An additional budget allowance to reflect the known forecast expenditure for the detailed design of this project.
- Note 11 An additional budget allowance to allow for the installation of shade sails at ANZAC Park.
- Note 12 This item is a new capital project to undertake flooring replacement in the café area at the Watershed.
- Note 14 This item is recommended for renewal.
- Note 16 Upgrades and strengthening to bearing mounts to guard against machinery failure.
- Note 17 Procurement points to a John Deere option that gives longer asset life (10 years instead of 8) at the lowest hourly machine rate and which is fully compliant with the specifications for the machine. Capital cost increase of \$72,000
- Note 18 Procurement points to a John Deere option that gives longer asset life (10 years instead of 8) at the lowest hourly machine rate and which is fully compliant with the specifications for the machine. Capital cost increase of \$62,000.
- Note 19 Procurement of gravel points to a recommended supplier which represents a capital cost increase of \$120,000. This has a flow on benefit of reduced grading frequency for the life of the resheet (20 years).
- Note 20 This item is to replace the 1562 – Seppi Flail Mower Waratah instead of the 1523- Seppi Flail Mower due to the former plant item having higher usage.

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- Note 21 The reseals program is forecasting an underspend and a reduction in this budget is recommended.
- Note 22 This item reflects a change in scope for the replacement of this plant item, with a recommendation to purchase a tow behind blower or broom for use along the coastal pathway.
- Note 23 This item is recommended to be deferred to 2026/27.
- Note 24 This item is recommended to be deferred to 2026/27.
- Note 25 This item is recommended to be deferred to 2026/27.
- Note 26 This item is recommended to be staged across three financial years.
- Note 27 An additional budget allowance to reflect market prices and evaluation.
- Note 28 This item's budget has decreased to reflect the total expenditure.
- Note 29 This item's budget has decreased to reflect the total expenditure.
- Note 30 This item's budget has decreased to reflect the total expenditure.
- Note 31 This item's budget has decreased to reflect the total expenditure.
- Note 32 This item's budget has increased to reflect the total expenditure.
- Note 33 This item's budget has increased to reflect the total expenditure.
- Note 34 This item's budget has decreased to reflect the total expenditure.
- Note 35 This item is recommended to be deferred to 2026/27.
- Note 36 This item is recommended to be deferred to 2026/27.
- Note 37 This item is recommended to be deferred to 2026/27.
- Note 38 This item's budget has increased to reflect the total expenditure.
- Note 39 This item is recommended to be deferred to 2026/27.
- Note 40 This item is a new capital project to undertake footpath repairs at the childcare centre.

Revised Cash as at 30 June 2026

Council's revised estimated of cash held as at 30 June 2026 is \$5,075,922 a increase of \$33,680. A reconciliation of the main changes to the change is detailed as follows:

Original Budgeted Cash as at 30 June 2026	\$5,042,242
Changes in opening cash position	(\$6,243,268)
Adjustments to capital works expenditure	\$1,462,863
Change in Capital Grant Funding	\$2,014,085
Allowance for sale of Land	\$1,100,000
Allowance for 2025-26 carry forwards	\$1,700,000
Revised Budgeted Cash as at 30 June 2026	\$5,075,922

Changes in opening cash position

The above reconciliation contains adjustments to recognise a change in the opening cash position based on the June 2025 actual cash balance rather than the forecast at the time of setting the budget. The cash forecast has also been updated to reflect the adjustment made to the capital works budget and grant funding which has carried forward into 2025-26.

Changes in grant funding

The change in grant funding is due a delay in the receipt of a number of grants expected to be received in 2024-25. The table below provides detail on the grant funding budgets which have been carried forward.

Funding	Amount
Roads to Recovery	734,091
Wynyard Childcare Centre Expansion	500,000
Boat Harbour Beach	550,000
LRCI	469,099
Inglis River Walking Track Study	184,422
IGA Carpark	320,000
Recreation Infrastructure	20,473
ANZAC Park Staged Development	46,000
Waratah Active Living Projects - Saunders & Miners Siding Park	116,353
ECU Minor Infrastructure Grant	12,551
New Childcare Centre	(800,000)
Biodiversity Projects Council Reserves	(270,000)
Childcare Wage Funding	131,096
Total	2,014,085

Deferral of operational special project funding

The original operating budget estimates included \$25,000 for an operational special project for Ecological Management Plan development, it is proposed to defer this project.

Allowance for sale of Land

An allowance for sale of land assets has been included in the revised 2025-26 budget estimates. It is expected that the sale proceeds will be applied to a number of strategic land purchases made in the 2025-26 financial year.

Allowance for 2025-26 carry forwards

An allowance has been made in the cash estimates for \$1.7m of the 2025-26 capital works budget to carry forward into 2026-27. This allowance has been made with reference to historical carry forward amounts.

Amended 2025/26 Fees & Charges Schedule

The 2025/26 Fees & Charges schedule have been amended to make the following changes for Planning Application Fees:

- Amend the Assessment and determination of a retrospective permit application under s57 Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (Discretionary application)
 - from \$950 plus \$3.70 per \$2,000 + Advertising Cost Statutory Implications of value for use or development + advertising cost to;
 - \$950 plus \$3.70 per \$1,000 + Advertising Cost Statutory Implications of value for use or development + advertising cost

Statutory Requirements

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides:

82. Estimates

- (1) *The general manager must prepare estimates of the council's revenue and expenditure for each financial year.*
- (2) *Estimates are to contain details of the following:
(d) the estimated capital works of the council;*
- (4) *A council may alter by absolute majority any estimate referred to in subsection (2) during the financial year.*

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.2 We maintain and manage our assets sustainably.
Our Priorities
1.5.2 Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Governance and working together	Working together for Murchison – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The overall financial impact of the budget amendments is an decrease in estimated capital expenditure of \$1,437,863

Council's revised estimate of cash held as at 30 June 2026 is \$5,075,922, a increase of \$33,680.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Adjustment to the Estimates allows Council to take into account changes not known when the budget estimates were adopted. There has been no change to the underlying principles used to prepare the original budget. Should no adjustments be made, Council's capital works priorities will not reflect Council's actual priorities for the year.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

The annual budget planning process involves input from staff, managers and Councillors over a number of months and also the community via the strategic planning process.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council adopts the proposed capital works budget amendments totalling \$424,695 as presented, the proposed capital budget amendments totalling (\$1,862,558) as shown, the amended 2025/26 Fees and Charges Schedule and the revised Estimated Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2026.

The adjustments will ensure Council's capital works priorities are reflected in the budget estimates for the year and that it's cash position is maintained.

9.12 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Accountant
Responsible Manager: Director Financial Services
Report Date: 9 October 2025
File Reference: Financial Management - Reporting - Council
Enclosures: 1. Project Progress Report - September 

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2025

PURPOSE

To provide an overview, summarising the financial position of the organisation on a monthly basis.

BACKGROUND

The financial reports presented incorporate:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cashflow Statement
- Investments
- Rate Summary
- Grant Summary
- Operating Performance by Department
- Capital Works Summary
- Project Progress Report (attached)

DETAILS

Council's year to date financial performance is generally consistent with the budget estimates. A number of favourable and unfavourable variances have been identified. Overall Council is forecasting an unfavourable variance of \$17,693. Council officers are actively working to improve the forecast to bring it back in line with the approved budget.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

This special purpose financial report is prepared under *Australian Accounting Standards* and the *Local Government Act 1993*.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL
Desired Outcomes
We make publicly transparent decisions on spending and future directions while encouraging community feedback.
Our Priorities
1.8 Review and adjust service levels to provide value for money.

2.2 Facilitate effective knowledge management practices.
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Council Strategy or Plan Reference

Council Strategy or Plan	Date Adopted:
Financial Management Strategy 2025-2035	Adopted November 2024

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

All details are included in the attached reports.

Income Statement

The Income Statement shows the performance of Council's operations year to date.

Income Statement as at 30 September 2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	%	YTD Variance	Budget	Forecast	Forecast Variance
Recurrent Income							
Rate Revenue	15,743,839	15,706,556	0%	✓ 37,283	15,806,556	15,819,972	✓ 13,416
User Charges	985,510	904,560	9%	✓ 80,950	3,727,922	3,727,922	✗ -
Reimbursements/Contributions	48,035	185,457	-74%	✗ (137,422)	965,274	965,274	✗ -
Grants and Subsidies	455,047	1,140,540	-60%	✗ (685,493)	4,676,310	4,685,810	✓ 9,500
Interest	78,043	149,313	-48%	✗ (71,271)	597,500	597,500	✗ -
Distributions from Water Corporation	154,550	154,550	0%	✓ -	730,600	730,600	✗ -
Total Recurrent Income	17,465,024	18,240,976	-4%	✗ (775,952)	26,504,162	26,527,078	✓ 22,916
Recurrent Expenditure							
Employee Costs	2,615,514	2,470,755	-6%	✗ (144,759)	10,896,485	10,901,147	✗ (4,662)
State Levies	2,064	233,881	99%	✓ 231,817	863,378	858,878	✓ 4,500
Remissions & Discounts	388,754	383,769	-1%	✗ (4,985)	413,769	413,752	✓ 17
Materials & Contracts	1,737,266	2,061,355	16%	✓ 324,089	7,202,884	7,243,348	✗ (40,464) 1
Depreciation	1,575,942	1,575,942	0%	✗ -	6,280,279	6,280,279	✓ -
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal	-	6,888	100%	✓ 6,888	27,574	27,574	✓ -
Borrowing Costs	(471)	(462)	-2%	✓ 9	37,048	37,048	✓ -
Other Expenses	32,291	58,761	45%	✓ 26,470	332,818	332,818	✓ -
Total Recurrent Expenditure	6,351,360	6,790,889	6%	✓ 439,529	26,054,235	26,094,844	✗ (40,609)
Surplus/(Deficit)	11,113,664	11,450,087	-3%	✗ (336,423)	449,927	432,234	✗ (17,693)
Capital Items							
Capital Grants/Contributions	2,094,091	1,587,000	32%	✓ 507,091	6,348,001	6,403,001	✓ 55,000
Derecognition of Assets	-	-	0%	✓ -	-	-	✓ -
Asset Recognition	-	-	0%	✓ -	-	-	✓ -
Comprehensive Surplus/(Deficit)	13,207,755	13,037,087	1%	✓ 170,668	6,797,928	6,835,235	✓ 37,307

Council is forecast to have an unfavourable variance to the budget of \$17,693 at 30 June 2026. Commentary on variances of \$20,000 or higher are provided below:

1) Materials & Contracts

Materials and contracts are expected to be higher than budget mainly due to increased legal expenses. This has been partially offset by savings in insurance cost which were \$25,021 lower than budgeted.

Balance Sheet

Council continues to be in a financially strong position. Council is forecasting a current ratio of 1.13 as at 30 June 2026 compared to a current ratio of 3.77 as at 30 September 2025.

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2025

	YTD Actual	Budget	Forecast
	\$	\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	11,113,419	5,042,242	5,070,217
Receivables	5,064,545	1,222,651	1,222,651
Inventories	109,872	122,445	122,445
Other Current Assets	185,886	432,583	432,583
Total Current Assets	16,473,722	6,819,921	6,847,897
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	353,310,208	314,485,624	314,494,956
Investment in Water	48,787,164	47,853,346	47,853,346
Total Non-Current Assets	402,097,372	362,338,970	362,348,302
Total Assets	418,571,095	369,158,891	369,196,198
Current Liabilities			
Payables	2,991,275	3,658,471	3,658,471
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	378,651	329,368	329,368
Provisions	1,003,294	2,046,117	2,046,117
Total Current Liabilities	4,373,221	6,033,956	6,033,956
Non-Current Liabilities			
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	1,422,222	5,820,819	5,820,819
Provisions	1,220,791	291,809	291,809
Total Non-Current Liabilities	2,643,013	6,112,628	6,112,628
Total Liabilities	7,016,234	12,146,584	12,146,584
Net Assets	411,554,861	357,012,307	357,049,614
Equity			
Current Year Result	13,207,755	6,797,928	6,835,235
Accumulated Surplus	178,558,169	180,695,682	180,695,682
Reserves	219,788,937	169,518,697	169,518,697
Total Equity	411,554,861	357,012,307	357,049,614
Current Ratio	3.77	1.13	1.13

Cashflow Statement

As of 30 September Council had \$11.11m cash on hand. Based on budgeted income and expenditure, Council is forecast to have \$5.070m of cash on hand as of 30 June 2026.

A key assumption of the budget is the completion of the capital works program as set by Council.

Cashflow Statement as at 30 September 2025

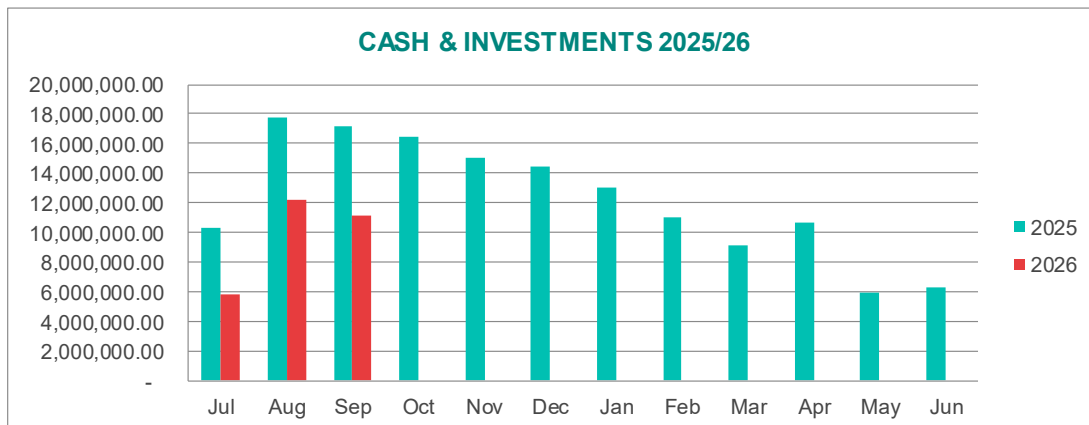
	YTD Actual	Budget		Balance	Forecast
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities					
Employee Costs	(2,545,349)	(10,806,564)	24%	(8,261,215)	(10,811,226)
Materials and Contracts	(3,957,736)	(7,091,290)	56%	(3,133,554)	(7,131,754)
State Levies	(2,064)	(863,378)	0%	(861,314)	(858,878)
Other Expenses	(421,046)	(746,587)	56%	(325,541)	(746,570)
Rates and Charges	11,743,279	15,762,591	75%	4,019,312	15,776,007
User charges	1,214,671	3,727,923	33%	2,513,252	3,727,923
Interest	78,043	597,500	13%	519,458	597,500
Reimbursement of Expenses	48,035	965,274	5%	917,239	965,274
Government Grants	455,047	4,676,310	10%	4,221,263	4,685,810
Net Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	6,612,880	6,221,779	106%	(391,101)	6,204,086
Cash flows from investing activities					
Payments for Property, Plant and Equipment	(4,041,830)	(25,702,458)	16%	(21,660,628)	(25,711,790)
Investment revenue from Water Corporation	154,550	730,600	0%	576,050	730,600
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	572,690	0%	572,690	572,690
Capital grants	2,094,091	6,348,000	33%	4,253,909	6,403,000
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1,793,189)	(18,051,168)	10%	(16,257,979)	(18,005,500)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Borrowing Costs	471	(37,048)	-1%	(37,519)	(37,048)
Loan Drawdowns	-	4,800,000	0%	4,800,000	4,800,000
Loan Repayments	-	(427,845)	0%	(427,845)	(427,845)
Net cash provided by financing activities	471	4,335,107	0%	4,334,636	4,335,107
Net (Decrease) in Cash Held	4,820,163	(7,494,282)	-64%	(12,314,445)	(7,466,307)
Cash at beginning of year	6,293,256	12,536,524	50%	6,243,268	12,536,524
Cash at end of period	11,113,419	5,042,242	220%	(6,071,177)	5,070,217

Investments

The following table provides an outline of Council’s cash and investment portfolio as of 30 September 2025. Total cash and investments on hand as of 30 September is \$11.1m. The weighted average return on investment earned on Council’s investment portfolio is 4.08%.

Investments as at 30 September 2025

	\$	INVESTMENTS	\$	Weighted Average Return
Deposits	8,500,000	Commonwealth Bank	2,611,919	
Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500	Investments		
Trading Account	2,611,919	CBA	1,000,000	
		WBC	7,500,000	
		Petty Cash and Till Floats	1,500	
Balance - All Accounts	11,113,419		11,113,419	4.08%



Rates Summary

The following table provides the detail of Council's Rates and Charges levied compared with the same time last year.

Council has several policies to assist in debt collection efforts, including interest penalties, financial hardship provisions providing flexibility for payment arrangements, and the ability for payment of rates and charges by four equal instalments. Ratepayers continue to be encouraged to contact Council if they are having difficulty paying.

25.54% of the total rates levied for the year were outstanding as at 30 September 2025; this includes all aged rates and charges outstanding. This compares with 25.44% outstanding as at 30 September last year.

Rates Summary to 30 September 2025

	2025-26		2024-25	
	%	\$	%	\$
<i>Notice Issue Date - 18 July 2025</i>				
Outstanding Rates Debtors (1 July 2025)		423,588		356,192
Less: Rates in Credit		(956,105)		(878,209)
NET RATES OUTSTANDING (1 July 2025)	(3.50)	(532,517)	(3.66)	(522,017)
Rates and Charges Levied	103.47	15,743,848	103.60	14,784,432
Interest Penalties Charged	0.03	4,561	0.06	8,622
GROSS RATES AND CHARGES DEMANDED	100.00	15,215,893	100.00	14,271,037
LESS RATES AND CHARGES COLLECTED	69.24	10,534,994	71.27	10,171,131
REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS**	7.67	1,167,147	7.76	1,107,787
	76.91	11,702,140	79.03	11,278,918
ADD PROPERTIES IN CREDIT	(2.44)	371,736	(4.47)	637,882
UNPAID RATES AND CHARGES * (includes Deferred Rates)	25.54	3,885,489	25.44	3,630,001
**REMISSIONS AND DISCOUNTS		2025-26		2024-25
Early Payment Discount		387,279		340,818
Pensioner Rebates		743,393		730,674
Council Remissions and Abandonments		36,475		36,295
		1,167,147		1,107,787
Number of Rateable Properties		8,152		8,093
Number of Unpaid Rateable Properties		2,672		2,432
% not fully paid		32.78%		30.05%

Grant Summary

Grant Schedule as at 30 September 2025

	YTD Actual	Budget 2026	Forecast 2026
Capital Grants			
Boat Harbour Beach Masterplan	1,350,000	3,700,000	3,700,000
Wynyard Childcare Centre Expansion	-	800,000	800,000
Roads to Recovery	734,091	903,000	903,000
Langley Park Upgrade	-	100,000	100,000
Biodiversity Projects	-	320,000	320,000
Blackspot Funding - Raglan St Roundabout	-	425,000	425,000
Caravan and Motorhome Plan - Council Infrastructure Grants	10,000	-	55,000
Sensory Garden	-	100,000	100,000
	2,094,091	6,348,000	6,403,000

Operational Performance by Department

This statement provides an overview of Council's forecast operating performance by department based on year-to-date performance.

Directorate/Department	Annual Budget	Forecast	Variance to Forecast	Note
Community & Engagement				
Children's Services	(258,688)	(259,291)	603	
Community Activation	694,370	684,671	9,699	
Corporate & Community Services	249,581	249,473	108	
Tourism & Marketing	518,808	522,637	(3,829)	
Community & Engagement Total	1,204,071	1,197,490	6,581	
Council & CEOs Office				
Council & CEOs Office	1,235,688	1,217,093	18,595	1
Council & CEOs Office Total	1,235,688	1,217,093	18,595	
Infrastructure & Development Services				
Asset Services	(40,578)	(40,578)	0	
Cemeteries	92,339	92,249	90	
Development Services	945,637	1,004,637	(59,000)	2
Engineering Services	372,437	372,426	11	
Footpaths	392,679	392,679	0	
Garbage	(56,869)	(68,936)	12,067	3
Public Halls	470,099	472,211	(2,112)	
Public Toilets	448,391	455,326	(6,935)	
Recreational Planning	744,332	745,827	(1,495)	
Reserves	1,191,096	1,189,212	1,884	
Sports	1,417,081	1,416,830	251	
Stormwater Drainage	(298,039)	(298,039)	0	
Transport	3,070,737	3,070,515	222	
Waste	395,599	395,672	(73)	
Works & Services	215,497	220,036	(4,539)	
Infrastructure & Development Services Total	9,360,438	9,420,067	(59,629)	
Governance & Information Systems				
Governance	436,403	436,403	0	
Information Systems	(874)	(2,535)	1,661	
Human Resources	433,453	433,453	0	
Governance & Information Systems Total	868,982	867,321	1,661	
Financial Services				
Economic Development	91,812	91,560	252	
Financial Services	(26,956)	(39,975)	13,019	4
General Revenue	(13,606,245)	(13,607,611)	1,366	
Customer Service	422,285	421,823	462	
Financial Services Total	(13,119,104)	(13,134,203)	15,099	
Total	(449,925)	(432,232)	(17,693)	

Commentary for departmental forecast variance of \$10,000 or greater is provided below:

1) Council & CEO's Office

The favourable variance for the CEO's Office is due to lower than expected insurance costs.

2) Development Services

Development services is expecting an unfavourable variance to budgeted of \$59,000 due higher than expected legal expenses.

3) Garbage

Garbage Services is forecasting a favourable variance of \$12,067 due to higher than budgeted waste rate revenue. Council identified several properties that had been receiving waste collection services but had not been charged accordingly. These properties have now been correctly rated for the services provided.

4) Financial Services

Financial Services is forecasting a favourable variance of \$13,019 due to lower than expected insurance costs.

Capital Works Summary

The Capital Works Summary provides a snapshot of the percentage of expenditure against the 2025/26 Capital Works Budget Estimates. Timing of expenditure is based on the works plan and actual spending and is not always reflective of the actual progress of the Capital Works project. The Monthly Progress Report is attached for the information of the Council.

	YTD Actual \$	Budget Estimate \$	Remaining Budget \$	% Spent	Forecast \$	Forecast Variance \$
Buildings						
Amenities	128,267	133,831	5,564	96%	133,831	-
Community Facilities	985,269	8,776,458	7,791,189	11%	8,781,485	(5,027)
Childcare	86,759	1,515,529	1,428,770	6%	1,515,529	-
Council Operational Buildings	64,831	983,401	918,570	7%	983,401	-
Total Buildings	1,265,126	11,409,219	10,144,093	11%	11,414,246	(5,027)
Parks & Open Spaces						
Other Infrastructure	1,757,821	1,976,670	218,849	89%	1,977,281	(611)
Playgrounds	175,771	309,082	133,311	57%	309,082	-
Walkways & Tracks	82,946	1,083,333	1,000,387	8%	1,085,533	(2,200)
Recreational Reserves	6,971	821,672	814,701	1%	821,672	-
Total Parks & Open Spaces	2,023,510	4,190,757	2,167,247	48%	4,193,568	(2,811)
Plant & Equipment						
Other Plant & Equipment	33,023	103,311	70,288	32%	103,311	-
Plant & Vehicle Replacements	58,144	950,140	891,996	6%	951,419	(1,279)
Software & IT Replacements	47,682	283,900	236,218	17%	284,115	(215)
Total Plant & Equipment	138,850	1,337,351	1,198,501	10%	1,338,845	(1,494)
Sporting Facilities						
Indoor Recreational Facilities	152,936	369,475	216,539	41%	369,475	-
Outdoor Sporting Facilities	27,017	1,745,579	1,718,562	2%	1,745,579	-
Total Sporting Facilities	179,953	2,115,054	1,935,101	9%	2,115,054	-
Stormwater						
Flood Mitigation Works	3,483	245,620	242,137	1%	245,620	-
Other Stormwater Works	201,308	1,006,338	805,030	20%	1,006,338	-
Total Stormwater	204,791	1,251,958	1,047,167	16%	1,251,958	-
Transport						
Bridge Renewals	5,852	1,111,796	1,105,944	1%	1,111,796	-
Footpaths & Kerbs	20,260	127,310	107,050	16%	127,310	-
Other Transport	75,481	805,483	730,002	9%	805,483	-
Resheeting	30,959	702,068	671,109	4%	702,068	-
Rural Upgrades	49,055	303,407	254,352	16%	303,407	-
Rural Reseals	36,520	2,092,382	2,055,862	2%	2,092,382	-
Urban Reseals	11,448	182,992	171,544	6%	182,992	-
Total Transport	229,576	5,325,438	5,095,862	4%	5,325,438	-
Total	4,041,806	25,629,777	21,587,971	16%	25,639,109	(9,332)

9.13 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REPORT

To: Council
Reporting Officer: Executive Officer
Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer
Report Date: 16 September 2025
File Reference: 0304
Enclosures: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the Senior Management Report.

PURPOSE

To provide information on issues of significance or interest, together with statistical information and summaries of specific areas of operations.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Listed below is a summary of activities undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer from 8 September 2025 to 10 October 2025.

Corporate

- Pre-workshop meeting with Dattner Group representative
- Meeting with Phil Reid, new CCA CEO
- NW General Manager's meeting

Community

- Wynyard Basketball
- Hon Jess Walsh, Minister for Early Childhood Education and Youth, roundtable
- Wynyard Yacht Club

Industry/Infrastructure

- Creative Paper
- Active Tasmania
- Planning Appeal matter

Other

- CCA, interviews for Board Chair
- State Fire Commission

OTHER MATTERS

Sponsorship

The following sponsorships have been awarded in line with Council’s Community Activation Grants Policy:

1. Wynyard High School Annual Evening of the Arts – Encouragement Award \$50

This major school event showcases the talents of students across art, drama, music, and dance. Across the course of one week, students performed to their feeder schools, their peers, and the wider Wynyard community, with a total audience of close to 1,000 people. Approximately one quarter of our student population is directly involved in this celebration of creativity and achievement.

This award recognises and supports the efforts of students who demonstrate outstanding commitment and enthusiasm in the arts.

2. Claire Davison – UN Youth Australia - Delegate for the 2025-26 Young Diplomats Tour

Claire has been selected to attend the UN Youth Young Diplomats Tour and qualifies for a \$500 sponsorship. This is a unique four-week educational journey through Europe that gives high school students the opportunity to explore diplomacy, international cooperation, and democratic institutions. By visiting major global cities such as Istanbul, Berlin, The Hague, Paris, and London, delegates engage directly with world affairs through workshops, institutional visits, and cross-cultural learning. The program challenges students to think critically, develop their leadership skills, and foster a deeper understanding of the complex global systems shaping our future.

UN Youth Australia maintains a rigorous and competitive selection process for this tour, and those chosen as delegates consistently demonstrate outstanding qualities including leadership, communication, initiative, and civic engagement. Delegates are selected not only for their academic aptitude, but for their commitment to understanding international issues and contributing meaningfully to their communities.

ADMINISTRATION – Use of Corporate Seal

10/9/25	Crown Lease	PID 3142709 – Wynyard Library
11/9/25	Final Plan and Schedule of Easements	SD2218 140 Port Road Boat Harbour (2 into 2 lots)
18/9/25	Instrument of Delegation and Authorisation	Powers and Functions under the <i>Building Act 2016</i> and <i>Building Regulations 2016</i> delegated by Council to the CEO (GM).

POLICY

Council currently has 47 policies. Nine (9) of those policies will need to be reviewed over the next six months; five policies are outstanding as at the end of September with the Senior Leadership Team currently in the process of conducting reviews of all outstanding policies.

POLICIES TO BE RESCINDED

NIL		
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WORKING GROUPS

	Elected Member Representatives	Responsible Officer(s)	Status
Somerset Sporting Precinct	Cr Johnstone Deputy Mayor Edwards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Manager • Manager Community Activation • Manager Recreation Planning and Environment • Recreation Liaison Officer 	The Concept design for the Shared Indoor Sports Facility has been workshopped with Council. Stakeholder briefings to occurred in early September 2025. Feedback on a number of possible functional improvements is now being considered. Once final decisions are made a development application will be lodged and detail design progressed.
Wynyard Sports Precinct	Cr Johnstone Cr Roberts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Infrastructure and Development Services • Strategic Projects Manager • Manager Community Activation 	<p>Progressing discussions with DECYP on DA lodgement and site lease. Detailed design progressing.</p> <p>Formal advertising process for Austin street road closure has commenced.</p>
Boat Harbour Masterplan	Cr Hyland Cr Roberts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Manager • Executive Officer (GM office) • Strategic Projects Manager 	All building slabs have been poured and roof frame is in place. Guttering and roofing to be progressed. Timber framing in progress. Retaining wall works Port Road underway.
Frederick Street Reserve Working Group	Cr Johnstone Cr Roberts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Community and Engagement • Manager Community Activation 	The Frederick Street Reserve Master Plan was adopted by Council at the September Meeting.

PLANNING PERMITS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION – September 2025

DA No.	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	(D)Discretionary (P)Permitted
DA 68/2025	Engineering Plus	960 Calder Road Calder	Change of Use (Shed to Dwelling)	1.09.2025	42	D
SD2220 & DA 90/2025	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	36 & 38 Park Street, 12 Church Street & 34 Inglis Street Wynyard	Shop Extension and Alterations, Demolition of 2 Dwellings, Signage and Associated Works and Consolidation of 3 Lots Into 1 Lot	3.09.2025	40	D
DA 104/2025	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	62 Old Bass Highway Wynyard	Change of Use (Residential), Alterations & Pool	3.09.2025	35	D
DA 116/2025	J Boucaut & R Clark	Unit 2, 237 Port Road Boat Harbour Beach	Dwelling Extension (Deck)	3.09.2025	22	P
DA 115/2025	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	410 East Yolla Road Yolla	New Dwelling & Convert Existing Dwelling into Outbuilding	10.09.2025	29	P
DA 117/2025	H Wever	60 Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	Dwelling Extensions & Outbuilding	15.09.2025	40	D
DA 112/2025	Diadem	29 Goldie Street Wynyard	New Signage	17.09.2025	42	D
DA 113/2025	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	289A Village Lane Somerset	Dwelling & Outbuilding (Shed)	17.09.2025	41	D
DA 119/2025	6ty Pty Ltd	91 Terra Nova Drive Wynyard	Building Extension	17.09.2025	27	P
DA 86/2025	J Kittel	16 English Street Waratah	Visitor Accommodation (6x Cabins), Managers Residence, Kiosk & Associated Works & Signage	17.09.2025	41	D
DA 130/2025	J de Bomford & T Lawrence	26 Kenelm Avenue Sisters Beach	Change of Use (Visitor Accommodation)	17.09.2025	15	P
DA 106/2025	Platinum Pro Construction	5 Thousand Hills Vista Sisters Beach	Dwelling & Outbuilding (Shed) & Visitor Accommodation Unit	18.09.2025	40	D
DA 114/2025	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	96 Irby Boulevard Sisters Beach	Dwelling Extension, Secondary Residence, Demolition & Associated Works	18.09.2025	34	D
DA 127/2025	S & L Dennison	28 Simpson Street Somerset	Change of Use (Visitor Accommodation)	24.09.2025	20	P
DA 124/2025	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	27 Old Cam Road Somerset	Outbuilding (Carport)	30.09.2025	36	D
DA 136/2025	PLA Designs Pty Ltd	2530 Murchison Highway Henrietta	New Outbuilding (Shed) & Demolition of Existing	30.09.2025	20	P

BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED – September 2025

Permit Number	Applicants Name	Location	Development	Date Permit Issued	No of Days to Process	Related Planning Approval
PSC 2025-08-01	Terry Quinn	1A Kingsmill Street Wynyard	AS Constructed dwelling alteration	5/9/2025	2	NPR
PSC 2025-07-01	P & M Flemming	17351 Bass Highway Boat Harbour	As Constructed Shed	5/9/2025	3	DA 222/2024
BLD-W-2025-81-01	Abel Design Tas	15 Tidal Mews Wynyard	New Dwelling	12/09/2025	2	NPR
BLD-W-2024-158-01	C & S Shailer	68 Irby Boulevard Sisters beach	Dwelling addition & Alteration	19/09/2025	2	DA 223/2023
PSC-W-2025-10-01	P Bentall	140 Port Road Boat Harbour	As Constructed Carport	26/09/2025	7	NPR
BLD-W-2025-127-01	T & G Phillips	26 Pelissier Street Somerset	Shed	30/09/2025	6	NPR
PSC-W-2025-09-01	Aaron Duff – Abel Design Tas Pty Ltd	26 Jackson Street WYNYARD	As Constructed Dwelling alterations & Addition	30/09/2025	5	NPR

COUNCIL MEETING ACTIONS – OPEN COUNCIL

DATE	ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION/STATUS	OFFICER	STATUS
16/12/24	8.1	NOM - Cr Johnstone – Speed Limit Old Bass Highway	MOTION CARRIED: That Council undertake an assessment of the Old Bass Highway for a future report to Council for the consideration of speed limit reduction. <i>Assessment in Progress – currently with the Transport Commissioner for consideration.</i>	MES	In Progress
16/12/24	9.2	ROC – AGM Motion C Hutchison RTI Findings	MOTION CARRIED: Note that parts 1-3 of motion were for noting only. Part 4 of motion: Once appraised of any requirements from the Local Government Priority Reform Program 2024-2026, develop any policies or practices as required by any changes to the <i>Local Government Act</i> , that seeks to promote good governance principles of openness, honesty, and transparency, to continually improve existing practices.	CEO	Pending
17/3/25	9.5	ROC - Sisters Beach – Speed Reduction Request	AMENDED MOTION CARRIED - That Council receives and notes the assessment of the speed limit on Sisters Beach Road and determines to reduce the speed limit to 80km/h from the Bass Highway and all connecting roads through to Sisters Beach and forward that recommendation to the commissioner for transport. FORESHADOWED MOTION CARRIED - That Council Officers investigate traffic calming measures at Sisters Beach. <i>Traffic Calming review of Sisters Beach has been tendered and awarded, works pending</i>	MES	Pending
28/4/25	6.1.1	Petition - Boat Harbour Beach Store Signage, Public Toilets and Rubbish Services	Petition Noted –“Council to consider the urgent provisions of public toilet and rubbish facilities near the Boat Harbour Store along with approaching signage on the Highway”. <i>Officers are progressing the signage option to advise travellers of the nearest public toilet facility. Signage approvals are underway.</i>	DIDS	In Progress
28/4/25	8.3.1	CQTON - Cr Courtney – Foreshore Management Plan Sisters Beach	Cr Andrea Courtney noted that the Parks and Wildlife Service has completed a Sisters Beach Foreshore Plan and asked when the plan would be made public. The Director of Infrastructure and Development Services advised he would follow-up and seek that the report be released by the State Government. <i>A copy of the plan has been made available to Council; this plan includes commitments from the State Government for foreshore management which may be best called upon following whatever remedy is determined by the Governor of Tasmania to re-establish Government following the recent motion of no confidence passed by MPs. The plan was workshopped with Councillors on 11 August, ahead of State parliament resuming post the recent election. Officers are in contact with PWS to organise next steps and community discussion. The report is included in this agenda for Council noting and consideration</i>	DIDS	Complete

DATE	ITEM	TOPIC	ACTION/STATUS	OFFICER	STATUS
21/7/25	7.3.3	CQWN – Cr Courtney – Health and Wellbeing Support For Braddon	Cr Courtney referred to Robin Krabbe’s question on health and wellbeing and noted data available indicating low levels of literacy and low economic status for the Braddon electorate and asked if staff could write to the relevant Minister to enquire on what outcomes and support are being provided for the mental health and wellbeing of the community in Braddon. <i>A letter was forwarded to Minister Bridget Archer MP with a meeting to be scheduled later in the year.</i>	CEO	In Progress

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Requirements

There are no statutory implications as a result of this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Plan Reference

GOAL 1: Leadership and Governance
Desired Outcomes
1.4 We cherish fairness, trust and honesty in our conduct and dealings with all.
Our Priorities
1.5.2 Maintain accountability by ensuring council decisions are evidence based and meet all legislative obligations.

Sustainable Murchison Community Plan 2040

Community Future Direction Theme	Key Challenges & Opportunities:
Governance and working together	Working together for Murchison – Everyone plays a part in achieving the objectives of the Sustainable Murchison Community Plan. There is cooperation, resource sharing and less duplication between Councils. Leadership is provided across all community sectors.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications as a result of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications as a result of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications as a result of this report.

CONSULTATION PROCESS

There are no consultation requirements as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council notes the Senior Management Report.

10.0 MATTERS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION IN CLOSED MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council RESOLVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY that the matters listed below be considered in Closed Meeting:

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Reference</i>
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting</i>	17 (2)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) – Notices Of Motion NIL RECEIVED</i>	17(2)
<i>Confidential Report R17 (2) (f (i)) the security of – the council, councillors and council staff COUNCILLOR QUESTION</i>	17 (2) (f (i))
<i>Confidential Report R17 (2) (h (ii)) information that is – provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential – CCA GOVERNANCE</i>	17 (2) (h (ii))
<i>Confidential Report R17 (2) (h (ii)) information that is – provided to the council on the condition that it be kept confidential - COUNCILLOR QUESTION</i>	17 (2) (h (ii))
<i>Confidential Report R17 (2) (e) contracts, and tenders, for the supply of goods and services and their terms, conditions, approval and renewal - CCA GOVERNANCE</i>	17 (2) (e)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) (h) - Leave of Absence Request – Councillors NIL RECEIVED</i>	17(2)(h)
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) - Closed Senior Management Report</i>	17(2)

11.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council **RESOLVES BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY** that go into Closed Meeting to consider the following matters at ___pm:

Matter	Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025 Reference
<i>Confidential Report R15 (2) - Confirmation Of Closed Minutes Of Previous Meeting</i>	17 (2)
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12.0 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING
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At pm the Open Meeting was resumed.

13.0 PUBLIC RELEASE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman announced that pursuant to Regulation 15(9) of the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2025* and having considered privacy and confidential issues, the Council authorised the release to the public of the following discussions, decisions, reports or documents relating to the closed meeting:

Min. No.	Subject	Decisions/Documents

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT pm.